

## HYGIENIC SCHOOLING.

To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."

DEAR EDITOR,—The article on Hygienic Schooling\* was suggested by some remarks on the physical dangers of school life that appeared in your valuable paper.

With these remarks I entirely agree, and am of your opinion that school should strengthen and develop physical faculties, and that moral and mental education minus physical is impossible.

On the other hand, the healthy, happy child living constantly in pure air, with short periods of actual study, and games, well kept "pets," etc. provided for it, is cleverer and does not want to be naughty (as its nerves are in a good condition).

As a Directress of a large school of lively girls, I speak from experience. Girls brought up on the lines I suggest in my paper, need never be punished, and respond to reason.

I have seen the old system. One only wonders it has lasted so long.

The BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING out here is much appreciated. To me personally it is (above its own intrinsic value) most welcome as a link with a class of professional workers with whom I am entirely in sympathy.

With heartfelt good wishes to you, your fellow-workers, and the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING and its aims,

I am, yours faithfully,  
LINA MOLLETT.

## WHO WAS WRONG?

To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."

DEAR MADAM,—I have read with interest the different opinions on "Who was wrong?" and the correspondence has brought to my mind vividly the following incident:—Some time ago I was visiting a patient, and the Superintendent Nurse accompanied me to the bedside. The patient was in a dying state (passed away in less than half an hour), and asked for a drink of cold water in a whisper. The nurse replied "the Doctor has ordered milk," and as I looked astounded at the evasive refusal, added, "and we cannot allow interference." The patient again whispered, "please turn me on my side"; again the Superintendent said, "you are better as you are, you have a dressing on your back."

I returned a sadder worker, but with new experience and more determined than ever to cultivate a spirit of humanity.

I know that nurses must carry out the doctor's orders, but I have yet to meet the doctor who would forbid the drink of cold water at such a stage. The case was hopeless, and if a nurse receives such punishment as the one who has been the cause of the correspondence, what of the Superintendent who should be an example in the institution which honours her with the appointment?

Yours sincerely,  
AN OBSERVER.

\* This appears on page 106.

## Comments and Replies.

Miss A. Davies.—All hospitals have not a regulation as to height. The best plan of the candidate would be to write to the Matrons of various training schools, enclosing a stamped envelope, enquiring when there will be a vacancy, stating her height, and asking for an interview.

Miss A. H. H.—Membership of the Society for the State Registration of Nurses is only open to trained nurses of three years' experience, as midwives are already registered under the Midwives' Act. But those of their number who desire to help nurses to obtain legal status can do so by explaining, as occasion arises, the need for, and the benefit of Registration, by drawing attention to the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING as the Registration organ, and by distributing the literature of the State Registration Society. Donations to the funds of the Society are always welcome.

Matron.—The address of the office of the Children's Sanatorium for the Treatment of Phthisis, at Holt, Norfolk, is now 68, Denison House, Vauxhall Bridge Road, S.W. The Invalid Children's Aid Association, 69, Denison House, will provide for the investigation and medical inspection of all cases. The committee are appealing for annual subscriptions for the maintenance of the children as well as for donations to the Building Fund.

## Notices.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE STATE REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

Those nurses who are working on behalf of the above Society, and are endeavouring to spread knowledge as to its aims, may be glad to know that they can now obtain a Memorandum, giving briefly the reasons why Registration is necessary, from the Hon. Secretary, 431, Oxford Street, London, W. Price 6d. for 20 copies.

Those interested in the efficient organisation of nursing should procure the Annual Report of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses from the Hon. Secretary. Six copies, post free, 7d., or one copy 1½d. It gives a brief review of the history of State Registration.

All those desirous of helping on the important movement of this Society to obtain a Bill providing for the Legal Registration of Trained Nurses will find an application form on advt. page vi., or can obtain all information concerning the Society and its work from the Hon. Secretary, 431, Oxford Street, London, W.

## CONTRIBUTIONS.

The Editor will at all times be pleased to consider articles of a suitable nature for insertion in this Journal—those on practical nursing are specially invited. The Editor will also be pleased to receive paragraphs, such as items of nursing news, results of nurses' examinations, new appointments, reports of hospital functions, also letters on questions of interest to nurses, and newspapers marked with reports of matters of professional interest.

Such communications must be duly authenticated with name and address, not necessarily for publication, but as evidence of good faith, and should be addressed to the Editor, 20, Upper Wimpole Street, London, W.

## OUR PRIZE PUZZLE.

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