

seemed a joy to live. In seventeen days I was back in London, hard at work and enjoying my very existence.

August, with its heavy stuffy atmosphere and everybody on the move, made me think of holidays—relatives and friends galore I possess, but I wanted a rest, and I thought of 12, Sussex Square again and of the advantages it possesses, and as I knew we were allowed to bring friends and relatives with us, I brought down a Russian friend. It was her first visit to an English seaside place, though she has been all over the world. The large handsome house, the beautiful square, the lovely grounds so beautifully kept and so gorgeous with choice flowers, the private entrance to the gardens which reach down to the beach suited her fastidious taste to a degree, and what astonished her most was the table. Two hot meals a day and such a variety of puddings and sweet dishes. She had no idea the English cuisine was so varied. Such had not been her experience so far! I laughingly explained that it was all owing to the "man at the wheel," and that Mrs. Bridges, being a most accomplished cook herself, knew how to direct the cook. I also explained to her that the title deeds of the house had most generously been handed over to the Committee of Management by Mrs. Lionel Lucas as a memorial to her brother the late Sir Julian Goldsmid, and that was partly why we had such good value for our money, but even now several hundred pounds a year, beyond the payments made by the nurses, are required for its maintenance. "Oh," she said, "but why do they give such good food?" Fresh air and rest do not suffice to build up overworked bodies and minds. Good food of the best quality and variety is what is bringing rosy colour to the cheeks and merry laughter to the voices of these nurses and their friends. Need I say what an enthusiastic letter she wrote on leaving, and how her charming ways, brilliant conversation, and enthusiasm about all she saw were missed on her departure? But she made us all realise what a privilege it was for us to have such a charming Home to come to, and what a capable woman the Matron is.

Yours faithfully,

A PRIVILEGED ONE.

STATE REGISTRATION OF NURSES.

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

DEAR MADAM,—Having heard for some time a talk of State Registration for Nurses, I should like to ask you when it does come to pass, which seems a very evident fact, what will become of the many nurses who have got a good training in a general hospital and have not got their certificates, but who have done good work in a private Home or co-operative Home, and also some I know who are doing and have done district work for some years. Then there are the nurses who are trained in smaller hospitals which have no resident doctor, therefore can't get a certificate of any value. I am sure there must be hundreds of such valuable servants in our land, and what is to become of them? Trusting you will enlighten me,

I am, yours truly,

ANNIE CONDIE.

[We should advise our correspondent to procure and

study the Bill for the State Registration of Nurses (No. 253) introduced into the House of Commons by Mr. Munro Ferguson. It plainly provides (clause 16) for the consideration of the claims of those nurses who have done good work in the past but received their nursing education before the general adoption of the three years' term of training defined in the Bill as obligatory in the future. No injustice will be done to any trained nurses in *bona fide* practice when the Act comes into operation. The Bill may be obtained through any bookseller, or direct from Messrs. Wyman and Sons, Ltd., Fetter Lane, E.C., price 2d., including postage.—ED.]

Comments and Replies.

Doris.—We have referred your letter to an American Matron, now in this country, and will communicate with you later.

Would-be Probationer.—It most training schools for nurses a small salary is given to probationers in the first year. They also receive board, lodging, and washing. Nursing is one of the few callings in which pupils are paid during the time that they are being taught their work. If you obtain the "Nursing Directory" from the offices of this Journal, 11, Adam Street, Strand, you will find the regulations of the principal nurse training schools. The price of the Directory is 5s.

Maternity Nurse.—The food of a premature infant if hand fed should be given in smaller quantities, and more diluted than that of a child born at full term. The reasons for this are obvious. The child's stomach is smaller, and its digestive powers are not so fully developed as those of the normal infant.

Assistant Nurse.—The regulations of the Metropolitan Asylums' Board as to the disinfection of nurses before they go outside the walls of an hospital are rightly thorough, and should be conscientiously carried out by every nurse.

Notices.

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.

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.

OUR PRIZE PUZZLE.

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