

SHALL TRAINING SCHOOLS FOR NURSES BE ENDOWED?

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

DEAR MADAM,—Dr. Hurd's article on the Endowment of Nursing Education will be read with the greatest interest by all interested in nursing education. Only those Matrons who are struggling to get a thorough curriculum for the probationers in the school under their supervision know how they are hampered on all sides by this lack of money. Naturally, it is impossible to draw largely on funds subscribed for the relief of the sick poor in the cause of nursing education. It should be realised that for the proper equipment of nursing schools they, in common with other educational systems, must be endowed, and managers of hospitals with nurse-training schools attached would do well to inaugurate funds for the endowment of their nurse-training schools on the lines adopted in the case of the medical ones.

Women's education on all sides suffers terribly from this lack of financial help, and nursing is no exception to the rule.

Yours faithfully,
A HARASSED MATRON.

Comments and Replies.

Miss F. A. Bowl.—Although no fee is charged by this Journal for answering professional questions, replies cannot be made by letter unless a stamp is enclosed. Write to the Matrons of the Royal Infirmary, Newcastle, and other large local hospitals and infirmaries and get all information about training from them. You will probably have to wait for a vacancy but can fill in your time in a useful manner, learning sick cookery and other practical domestic matters.

The Matron, C. Infirmary.—We should advise you to ask the Board for an Assistant Matron. You are sure to be blamed if anything goes wrong, and it is quite impossible for one woman to carry out the duties expected from you, even if you "work till you drop." As you say, it will be useless, as work done under such stress cannot be well done for long.

Shareholder, Nurses' Hostel.—We agree with you that the paragraph is very unfair. An advertisement of the institution appears in the journal. That is the danger of a lay nursing paper—it is a commercial speculation—you cannot therefore expect that business will be sacrificed in the interests of the nurses. As you realise your duty to your profession, you will understand the ethics of professional journalism as the medical profession does; until that time you will merely be exploited as one of a class.

Maternity Nurse.—You could not do better than pay a visit to Messrs. Allen and Hanburys' establishment, 48, Wigmore Street, W. You will find they have a great variety of all midwifery requisites. Their midwifery case, which costs, complete, £2 12s. 6d., has been designed to comply with the regulations of the Central Midwives' Board, and consists of a steriliser, and the necessary appliances for an accouchement case, all of which can be easily sterilised.

Three Prize Competitions.

The Editor offers the following prizes:—

No. 1. PRACTICAL NURSING ARTICLE.

A prize of £2 2s. for the best article on a Practical Nursing Subject, of from 1,300 to 1,400 words. Illustrations are not compulsory, but add to the value of the article. Papers competing for this prize must be received by the Editor not later than Saturday, November 10th. The article gaining the prize and the name or pseudonym of the prize-winner will appear on November 17th.

No. 2. PUZZLE COMPETITION.

Details will be found on page xx.

No. 3. A PARAGRAPH OF PRACTICAL NURSING INTEREST.

A prize of 10s. for the best paragraph on a post-card of practical nursing interest. See our weekly "Practical Points" column. Postcards competing for this prize must reach the Editor not later than Saturday, November 3rd. The paragraph gaining the prize, and the name or pseudonym of the prize-winner will be published on Saturday, Nov. 10th.

CONDITIONS GOVERNING COMPETITIONS 1 AND 3.

Each competitor for No 1 Prize must enclose with his or her article or paragraph a sealed envelope, outside which is written the title of the contents only, and inside the title of the contents with the author's full name and address.

The Editor reserves to herself the right to publish any of the articles or paragraphs received for the competition. In such event payment will be made at the current rate; such article or paragraph to become the property and copyright of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

All competitions must be addressed to the Editor, at 20, Upper Wimpole Street, London, W.

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.

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.

Rules for competing for the Pictorial Puzzle Prize will be found on Advertisement page xx.

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