

more careful. One did not mean to be cruel, but lack of sympathy and knowledge of human nature may have made one so. I have a fearful sense of remorse whenever I think of a poor little burnt child brought into a ward in which I was a probationer. He cried unceasingly—How was I, a young girl almost in my teens, to realise he loved his dirty drink-stained mother? And when ordered by the Head Nurse to put his head under a water tap—the only way to quiet him—how could I realise that I ought to have had the courage to refuse to obey orders, even if I was discharged for insubordination. I have for years tried to wipe out that inhuman action by patience and devotion to sick children, but remorse is just the one emotion which never decreases with time, somehow it seems to become more acute and pierce the deeper.

The moral is, be kind one to another, especially to the sick. Every nurse cannot be sympathetic, it may not be in her nature, but everyone can be kind, especially to the children.—Yours sincerely,

SISTER OF CHILDREN'S WARD.

THE PARIS CONFERENCE.

To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."
 DEAR MADAM,—I am sure that all who attended the Meeting of the International Council of Nurses at Berlin in 1904, must hope to be present next June at the Paris Conference. Not only because it cannot fail to be of great interest from a professional point of view, but also because they will hope to meet many whose acquaintance they made at Berlin, but with whom it is almost impossible to keep in touch in a busy life such as ours. I could mention many whom I am just longing to see again. Let us hope they will all be there.

ONE WHO ATTENDED THE BERLIN CONGRESS.

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Miss I. B., Walsall Wood.—Twenty-three is a very suitable age for probationers to begin training. For further particulars we should advise you to consult the *Nursing Directory*, which may be obtained from the Manager, 11, Adam Street, Strand, price 5s.

Miss A. F. M.—We believe that at the New Hospital for Women, Euston Road, N.W., facilities are offered for learning dispensing.

Nurse B.—Communications concerning the Certified Midwives' Total Abstinence League should be addressed to the Acting Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Robinson, 24, Coleridge Road, Crouch End, N.

Staff Nurse.—"Practical Nursing," by Miss Isla Stewart, Matron of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and Dr. Herbert Cuff, can now be had in two forms, in two volumes 3s. 6d. each net, or in one complete volume price 5s. net. The publishers are William Blackwood and Sons, Edinburgh and London.

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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 viii.

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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.

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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.

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