

[When Director of a Nursing Home, we also encountered the undertaker tout; if memory does not fail us, the attempt was made through "Little Mary" and Christmas was the happy time for bribery. A prompt return of magnificent fruits of the earth and fowls of the air, nipped the evil in the bud—and may we add, in the egg.—Ed.]

THE IMPORTANCE OF CEREMONIAL.

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

DEAR MADAM.—I most heartily endorse your suggestion that the presentation of certificates to probationers should take the form of a function. The day when she receives her certificate is a red-letter one in a nurse's life, and should be marked as such. At present, to hurry down to the Matron's office and receive this important document is usually just an incident in her day's work.

Yours faithfully,

THREE YEARS' CERTIFICATE.

Comments and Replies.

Mrs. Ellis.—The inferior kinds of flannelles are most inflammable, and many accidents and deaths have resulted from their use; but Horrockses' are not more inflammable than ordinary calico, and can therefore be used for similar purposes, while their warmth is especially grateful at this time of year in place of calico to those who suffer from cold.

Maternity Pupil.—The stump of the cord is tied again after the child's bath because though the first ligature may have been quite securely tied, the cord is apt to shrink in the warm bath with the result that the ligature becomes loose, in which case hæmorrhage would occur, and the child might even bleed to death if the second ligature were not applied.

Certificated Nurse.—We should advise you to apply to the Matron of one of the Metropolitan Asylums Board hospitals. The head offices of the Board are The Embankment, E.C. and you would doubtless be able to find out from there in which of the hospitals there are vacancies at the present time. A year's experience in a fever hospital would be of great value to you as a private nurse.

Colonial Nurse.—We believe the first lying-in hospital was established in Dublin in the year 1745 by Dr. Bartholomew Mosse, amid very strong opposition. Every reform is met in the same stupid spirit in this country. One just has to go on hammering away at obstruction until it is worn down. The people in our colonies are quite unable to realise the difficulties to be overcome in the old country. There is no virgin soil here on which to build. So when a new idea requires space for realisation one must first overturn something, then excavate, and thirdly erect. This is a noisy and exhausting method. When, in addition, the idea has to do with more freedom for a disfranchised class of women workers, every person privileged to exploit them springs to arms. In the Colonies you can just begin things. Precedent, that most powerful weapon of obstruction, does not exist—and praise Allah it does not.

Three Prize Competitions.

The Editor offers the following prizes:—

No. 1. PRACTICAL NURSING ARTICLE.

A prize of £5 5s. for the best article on a Practical Nursing Subject, containing 1,500 to 1,600 words, with illustrations, of which photographs or drawings must be enclosed. Papers competing for this prize must be received by the Editor not later than Saturday, December 29th, 1906. The article gaining the prize and the name or pseudonym of the prize-winner will appear early in the New Year.

No. 2. PUZZLE COMPETITION.

Details will be found on page viii.

No. 3. A PARAGRAPH OF PRACTICAL NURSING INTEREST.

A prize of 10s. for the best paragraph, on a postcard, of practical nursing interest. See our weekly "Practical Points" column. Postcards competing for this prize must reach the Editor not later than Saturday, Jan. 5th, 1907. The paragraph gaining the prize, and the name or pseudonym of the prize-winner will be published on Saturday, Jan. 12th.

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 covering envelope in the case of Competition 1, and the postcard in Competition 3, should bear the words "Prize Competition."

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 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, 431, Oxford Street, W. Six copies, post free, 7d.

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 viii.

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