

preliminary training, she was sent into the wards but remained there only a few days, as she suffered from severe and constant headaches which led to her giving up the work at Guy's under medical advice.

The suggestion made to the Coroner was that these circumstances, which were not made known to us when Miss Tillett was engaged, probably threw a light upon her rash act. I may add that Miss Tillett had spent two years at a small cottage hospital followed by three months' holiday before coming here.

Yours faithfully,
SIDNEY M. QUENNELL,
Secretary.

Westminster Hospital,
Broad Sanctuary, S.W.

[The phrase "nursing fright" has puzzled not only trained nurses, who are unacquainted with any such condition, but also the lay press, several members of which have written to us concerning the published reports of the inquest in question.—Ed.]

A DESERVING CHARITY.

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

DEAR MADAM,—May I plead through your columns on behalf of the Royal Maternity Charity of London for layettes, or the material with which to make them, for the poor little ones whose arrival is expected, but not yet accomplished.

The Charity helps by its nurses to bring about 3,000 per annum of these unhappy little mites into the world—a world which has nothing to greet them with but unhappiness, squalor, hunger, and cold, and it is to at any rate give them a start in life with some clothing to keep their poor little bodies warm that I plead to those of your readers of the gentler sex, whose instinct will tell them what it must mean to these mothers who cannot spare a penny wherewith to provide an outfit for their little ones.

Parcels of baby clothes will be most gratefully received by my wife or myself.—I am, yours faithfully,
G. LIONEL B. KILLICK (Major),
31, Finsbury Square, E.C. Secretary.

Comments and Replies.

Staff Nurse.—Application for admission to Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service should be made to the Matron-in-Chief, War Office, Whitehall, S.W.

Newly-fledged Nurse.—It is the duty of every nurse to keep herself in touch with the progress of her profession both in regard to its professional organisation and in practical matters. The methods by which she can do so are by reading professional papers, edited by members of the nursing profession, by active co-operation with her training school League, if established, and by attending nursing conferences.

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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