

credit for being a smarter, brighter woman than the one who is conscientious as to details. People are very superficial as a rule, and what the eye does not see the heart does not grieve over. All the same it is these small unseen things that mean much to the patient, not only as regards his comfort, but also as regards his actual well-being. One nurse, for instance, will take a temperature and chart whatever the thermometer records at the end of a few minutes. Another, if not satisfied that the record is correct will take it again. It means additional time spent, of course, but it may prove to be time well spent in the end.

Again one nurse will dash at a patient and wash him not noticing the open window near by, and having omitted to take his temperature first, rectifies her omission by taking and charting it immediately after he has been washed, when, of course, it is useless as a record of the patient's real condition. Another takes the temperature, closes the window, warms the blanket under which he is to be washed, and put fresh linen to get thoroughly warm before the fire while the washing is going on. In the one case the patient is refreshed and comfortable at the end of the proceeding. In the other he is clean, it is true, but somewhat miserable, he doesn't quite know why. He only knows he does not like Nurse A to wash him, and he is always glad when he falls to the lot of Nurse B. The real root of the matter is faithfulness in little things.

Yours faithfully,
SISTER.

Comments and Replies.

B. M. G., Kenley.—The International Council of Nurses is composed of affiliated National Councils of Nurses, so that you can only be a member by belonging to the English National Council. We believe the hospital where you were trained is contemplating starting a League of Nurses, which could affiliate to the English Council. Write to the Matron, she will give you all information.

A Friend, London, W.C.—We do not usually notice anonymous letters, as they generally contain lies, but we would assure you that we are well aware of the personalities of the "power behind the throne." London is not the desert that the genus ostrich can disport itself unseen.

Countrywoman.—The Home of the Young Women's Christian Association at the Crescent, Birmingham, is very comfortable, and is used by nurses. It is about half a mile from all stations.

Nurse Matthews.—The best plan would be to try to get some one to lend you a room, and then to get a small subscription to cover incidental expenses from those wishing to join the club. Such a club is a very pleasant and useful society, but we think you would find the combination of trained and untrained rather difficult to manage.

Miss Shorthouse.—You would find it most useful to obtain experience in a fever hospital, in addition to a certificate of general training, if you are going to take up private nursing. Your field of work will be much restricted if you have only had training in

general medical and surgical work. All private nurses should have a speciality.

Matron.—The series of midwifery diagrams by Dr. Victor Bonney, published by Messrs. Wright and Co., of Bristol, are admirable, and would be most useful in giving classes and lectures to probationers. The London publishers are Messrs. Simpkin, Marshall, Hamilton, Kent and Co., Ltd.

The Nurses' Petition to the Prime Minister.

The Nurses' Petition to the Prime Minister respectfully pleading that the Government will undertake to introduce a Bill for the State Registration of Trained Nurses into the House of Commons next Session, will be found on page iii. of the cover of this Journal. Will all who wish to support this Petition whether medical practitioners, nurses, or members of the public, cut out this page, sign the Petition, invite others to do so, and then post it to the Hon. Secretary, Nurses' Petition, 431, Oxford Street, London, W. Will our readers also make it known that anyone desiring to sign this Petition can do so at the above address. The time in which to organise this Petition is very short, so we hope all readers will help.

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.

The 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.

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. Six copies, post free, 7d., or one copy 1½d. It gives a brief review of the history of State Registration.

All those desirous of helping on the important movement of this Society to obtain a Bill providing for the Legal Registration of Trained Nurses will find an application form on advt. page vi., or can obtain all information concerning the Society and its work from the Hon. Secretary, 431, Oxford 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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