

heat of 84 degs. Fahr., with moisture diffused through the air, and in this warm and moist atmosphere it should remain until distinct indications of putrefactive decomposition have set in."

The Bill drawn up by our Association provides for waiting mortuaries where the body could be carefully watched in the interest of science as well as decency. The Association would like to see the same conditions prevailing here as in Munich, where the bodies are taken into a perfectly clean and sanitary place, and are watched over for some days. The hands are passed through rings attached to electric bells, which ring at the slightest movement. The attendant immediately hears if any of the bells ring.

Yours truly,
LIVE AND LET LIVE.

THE NURSING AND MIDWIFERY CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION.

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

DEAR MADAM,—In answer to the notice appearing in your issue of the 8th inst., I beg to inform you that your remarks as regards the omission of trained nurses from the Reception Committee should be slightly modified, as the Reception Committee is not yet complete. It will, when complete, contain the names of many trained nurses, who, as experts, will help in the organisation of this exhibition. I am, Dear Madam,

Yours faithfully,

ERNEST SCHOFIELD, Secretary.

[This is as it should be. The preliminary list sent to us did not contain the names of any trained nurses. We feel sure our correspondent realises the importance of our criticism.—Ed.]

Comments and Replies.

Mr. Frederick Dixon.—Your letter is unavoidably held over this week, owing to want of space, but will appear next week. Letters for insertion in this Journal should not exceed 300 words in length.

Miss Florence E. B.—It is quite impossible to lay down any rule as to fixing the sum for the sale of a Nursing Home. Many things must be taken into consideration, and it is further difficult to estimate its financial value because the personality of the Superintendent is so large a factor in its success, and a Home which has been a success in the hands of one person may fail in those of another.

S.E.A., Bedford.—You will find a recipe given to prepare beef tea by extracting the nutriment with hydrochloric acid in the "Century Invalid Cookery Book," published by Messrs. T. Fisher Unwin, Paternoster Square. The price of the book, which is a most useful one to nurses, is 3s. 6d.

Mrs. C. L., Maidenhead.—We should advise you to write to Miss Kingsford, Home for Homeless Babies, Fallow Corner, North Finchley. We feel sure she will be able to help you. Advertising in such cases is very unsatisfactory.

Three Years' Certificate.—You would be well advised before taking up private nursing to gain ex-

perience in one or more specialities, or your clientèle is very much limited. There is a good opening for well-trained nurses who, in addition, have had mental training, and hold the certificate of the Medico-Psychological Association.

Enquirer.—The cure in some of the Swiss Sanatoria seems to include not only rest and exposure to pure air and sunshine, but of a very liberal diet also. A patient in one of them at the present time reports that her daily diet includes five courses for luncheon and seven for dinner, as much milk as she can drink, and eight raw eggs a day.

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

Two Prize Competitions.

The Editor offers the following prizes:—

FOR THE MOST INTERESTING FOREIGN LETTER.

- 1.—A prize of £1 10s. for the most interesting Foreign Letter of Nursing Interest, containing not more than 1,200 words. Letters competing for this prize must reach the Editor not later than March 4th. The name of the successful competitor will be published in our issue of March 14th.

OUR PUZZLE COMPETITION.

- 2.—Details will be found on Page xii. of our advertisement columns. Competitors are asked to note that for the next two months the prizes given in connection with this competition will be "A History of Nursing" (two volumes), by Miss M. A. Nutting, Professor of Domestic Administration in Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York; and Miss L. L. Dock, Hon. Sec., International Council of Nurses.

CONDITIONS GOVERNING COMPETITION 1.

Each competitor must enclose with his or her article a sealed envelope, outside which is written the title of the article only, and inside the title of the article with the author's full name and address. The covering envelope should bear the words "Prize Competition."

The Editor reserves to herself the right to publish any of the articles received for the competition. In such event payment will be made at the current rate; such article to become the property and copyright of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING. In each case, in awarding the prize, illustrations accompanying the articles will be considered as giving them additional value.

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

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