

of her work, or perform them with benefit to herself or her patient, we have made a good stride towards obtaining that degree of uniformity which is so greatly desired for our schools."

"All things considered," says Miss Nutting, "there seems to be little reason to doubt that the establishment of preparatory courses of instruction within the hospital, but outside of the wards, does mean an increase of expense, varying with the work of different institutions and the manner in which that work is carried on. The idea that it shall cost anybody anything to give nurses a proper education has been for so many years unthinkable that we cannot wonder if it stands for some time in the way of better development of training school work. It is not so many years since in most hospitals the entire teaching of all classes, as well as the really great executive work of such institutions, was placed upon the shoulders of one woman.

As to paying for lectures when they were to be had for nothing—perish the thought. So I think we need not shiver on the brink unduly, but make the plunge, and say, Yes, the education of nurses, if it is properly done, does cost, and it should. All good education anywhere costs, and it is a bad day for our schools, for our nurses, for physicians, and sick people everywhere, when the first question is always 'How little can we do it for?' rather than 'How well can we do it?'"

It is Miss Nutting's hope that groups of affiliating schools may be able to establish central preparatory schools of their own, ultimately in every State. "By that date," she says, "we shall have ceased to call them preparatory schools, and shall call them what they will be—schools or colleges of nursing, where the fundamental sciences are taught practically and theoretically, where the theory and principles of nursing are taught, where practical training and experience in nursing in all its branches may be supplied to the pupils through those hospitals, one or many, which are now struggling with such inadequate means to carry on the educational work of training schools."

Our Nursing History Prize.

We have pleasure in announcing that Miss Alice Milne, of the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Castle Terrace, Aberdeen, is the prize winner for February, and that "A History of Nursing," in two volumes, by Miss M. A. Nutting and Miss L. L. Dock, has consequently been forwarded to her.

KEY TO PUZZLES.

- No. 1.—Southall's Accouchement Sets.
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No. 2.—"Shell Brand" Polish.
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No. 3.—Robinson's Barley.
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No. 4.—Perkins Patent Belt.
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The following competitors have also solved the puzzles correctly:—Mrs. E. B. Wain, Morton-in-the Moors; Mrs. F. Longley, East Grinstead; Mrs. F. Hawthorn, Manchester; Mrs. A. Holding, Mortlake; Mrs. Sheard, Chiselhurst; Mrs. E. Cooper, Egerton; Mrs. Perkins, Holmwood; Mrs. H. S. Eckersall, Broadheath; Mrs. Hopkins, Forest Gate; Nurse Eliza, Middlesbrough; Nurse Jones, Dolgelly; Nurse Wilson, Lewisham; Nurse Fuller, Bournemouth; Nurse Baker, Thorrer; Nurse Welford, Middlesbrough; Nurse Frost, Guildford; Nurse Harris, Leicester; Nurse Keatinge, Loughlinstown; Nurse Beardsley, Kensington; Nurse Tucker, Plymouth; Miss Wescott, Tooting; Miss Stubbs, Bushmills; Miss Jackson-Bennett, Edinburgh; E. Edwards, Collingbourne Ducies; C. M. Walker, Marple Bridge; G. A. Sears, Sheerness; M. Arnold, Bangor, Ireland; F. A. Rendall, Upper Holloway; Jessie Holmes, Finchley; A. Barling, Ilford; E. Marsland, Huntingdon; I. A. Holdcraft, Stoke-on-Trent; M. A. Cole, Marlow; E. Beever, Horrabridge; A. Murlis, Bath; F. Sheppard, Eastbourne; A. Symonds, London; M. Whitworth, Maidstone; A. Guinane, Drogheda; M. R. Fletcher, East Molesey; G. B. Macvitie, Hertingfordbury; C. L. Barker, Bath; M. Simpson, Alloa; M. W. Smellie, Dumfries; E. McGowan, London; E. N. Watson, Birkenhead; Lucy M. Park, Norwich; A. Kemp, Folkestone; A. L. Etheridge, West Kensington; F. A. Taylor, Malvern; H. Lord, Kensington; A. B. Hendley, Shanklin; F. M. Smith, Holloway; A. G. Layton, Muswell Hill; M. Cackle, Tulse Hill, S.W.; L. M. Simpson, Surbiton; E. Cawte, Kempton, Brighton; E. Kerr, Teddington; R. Conway, Southport; A. E. Heaton, Huddersfield, E. E. Fowler, London; A. M. Weller, Ripon; G. A. Hancock, Bath; M. McWilliams, Omagh; E. Matthews, Ryhope; A. McGregor, Warrington; E. M. Dickson, Strood; A. M. Hoare, New Oscott; B. M. Barton, Walsall; M. E. Leng, Ulverston; G. Smart, Cork; H. M. Proud, London; J. P. Jamieson, Dorchester; M. Goodrich, Leicester; S. S. Sherring, West Derby; J. Green, Weston-super-Mare; E. Dinnie, Harrow; A. E. Little, Newmarket; E. S. Sils, Gravesend; M. E. Chick, Broad Clyst; M. Modlin, Brixton; J. M. Smith, London; F. W. Pritchard, Tulse Hill, S.W.; C. Caddy, Stalbridge; G. E. Larner, York; E. C. Evans, Leicester; M. Cooke, East Malling; K. Eckersley, North Ormesby; M. Lightbourn, Blackburn; M. A. Taylor, Penge; D. Deverill, Nottingham; A. L. Ross, Bryanford.

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