

ing to serve a writ on a customer, dressed herself up as a "nurse," but upon the disguise being detected she dressed herself as a man to serve it! For the latter offence she was "run in," but for masquerading as a nurse there is, of course, no punishment.

Hundreds of dirty little drabs, pushing prams—(little maids-of-all-work indoors)—may be seen every day in our parks and suburbs in bonnets and cloaks which have apparently reposed on the dust-heap. Now that a travesty of our "cloth" has been adopted by the "Little Marchioness" class, no doubt it will lose favour in "upper succes," and in time we may come by our own again. In the meantime, a simple coat and skirt may be adopted for outside wear.

Yours truly,

COLONIAL.

#### AN UNJUSTIFIABLE PRACTICE.

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

DEAR MADAM,—Will you kindly give me your opinion as to whether an Association has the power to require a midwife to surrender to its keeping the certificate of the Central Midwives' Board, which she has gained, for the period of three years while she is, by contract, in the service of the Association which has given her her training. This is done to my knowledge, and it seems to me that it is a quite unjustifiable practice, as the certificate is surely the property of the person who has earned it. I should be glad to know if your views coincide with my own, as I know the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING is always the true friend of midwives and nurses.

I am, dear Madam,

Yours faithfully,

CERTIFIED MIDWIFE.

[In our opinion the practice is entirely unjustifiable, and to be condemned. Imagine a Committee impounding the diplomas of a medical man in its service. The Medical Defence Societies would soon have something to say. Happily the Committee of the Association referred to cannot impound the Roll of the Central Midwives' Board, and the midwife can always point to that as evidence of her being duly certified if she has been so ill advised as to part with her certificate.—Ed.]

#### Comments and Replies.

H. G. B.—We do not think that at the present time you would dispose of the volumes unbound. We should advise you to bind them, and in years to come you may find them valuable property, as well as indispensable books of reference.

Private Nurse.—A good way of giving the white of an egg is to beat it up to a stiff froth, add a little castor sugar, and turn it into a tumbler, mix in, lightly, a tablespoonful of brandy, sherry, or lemon juice, and fill up the tumbler with soda water.

Miss Emerson.—The Transactions of the International Congress of Nurses, Berlin (1904) and

Paris (1907) may still be obtained from the Hon. Treasurer, 431, Oxford Street, London, W.

Poor Law Infirmary Nurse.—You will find that the certificate of the Central Midwives' Board is almost invariably an indispensable qualification for nurses seeking appointments abroad. For this reason nurses trained in poor law infirmaries often possess the required qualifications, while those trained in general hospitals do not.

Nurse Jamieson.—It is a mistake to specialise in monthly nursing unless you care for children. Babies know quite well who care for them and are happy and contented with a nurse who does. You would probably not be a successful maternity nurse.

#### Notices.

##### THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS AND EXHIBITION.

###### TICKETS.

Admission to Congress and Exhibition.—Season Ticket, 3s., from the Hon. Secretary, N.C.N., 431, Oxford Street, London, W. Admission to Single Sessions and Exhibition, 1s. Admission to Exhibition only, 6d.

###### HOTELS AND PENSIONS.

The Headquarters during the Congress will be the St. Ermin's Hotel, St. James's Park, Westminster, S.W. Single bedrooms, bath, lights, and attendance, 6s. per night. Breakfast, 1s. 6d., 2s., and 3s. Luncheon, 3s. Dinner, 5s.

Cheaper hotels and apartments can be procured through Mrs. Glane, Anglo-Scandinavian Travelers' Bureau, 47, Great Portland Street, London, W., to whom application should be made at once.

##### THE SOCIETY FOR THE STATE REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

Those desirous of helping on the important movement of this Society to obtain an Act providing for the Legal Registration of Trained Nurses can obtain all information concerning the Society and its work from the Hon. Secretary, 431, Oxford Street, London, W.

An application form for those who wish to become members of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses will be found on page xi. It will soon be too late to help on the important work of this Society. No habitual reader of this journal can, we feel sure, be content to stand aside and let others found the future Profession of Nursing. Now is the time to help.

###### 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.

Such communications must be duly authenticated with name and address, and should be addressed to the Editor, 20, Upper Wimpole Street, London, W.

###### OUR PUZZLE COMPETITION.

Rules for competing for the Pictorial Puzzle Prize will be found on Advertisement page xii.

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