

cingetorix, have of one accord adopted the method of having a separate home for their nurses from their daily work, the hospitals of the Assistance Publique forming their field.

I had much pleasure in visiting Mlle. Chaptal, both in her flat and at the school. She continues her work most faithfully, and is, needless to say, succeeding both in her efforts and objects, viz., training nurses for private work, and for children on the Norland system.

Those of us who visited her school during the Paris Conference will remember how nice and neat all her nurses look, dressed in grey. In the hospital wards they wear white blouses over their costumes.

Before closing my letters on Paris and its present stage of nursing reform, I must not omit to note that a new training school will be started in October at the Deaconesses' Home Hospital for paying patients at Courbevoie. It contains some 30 beds, and consists of three classes, viz., those occupying wards of 3 and 4 beds, those occupying a room shared by two, and those occupying single rooms. The view is beautiful, and the building is perfectly charming in colour and design, while the lift and operating theatre are of the most modern and best. One special ingenious feature in the theatre which I have not seen elsewhere is worthy of mention. An instrument glass case is inserted in the wall, which opens both ways, one into the theatre, the other in the sterilising room, thus enabling the instruments to be taken out of the case in either room. Mlle. Oelker, one of Mme. Salvador's certified nurses, is in charge of the surgical flat, while a young deaconess has the medical one. The nursing is to be done by deaconesses, aspirants, and lay probationers. Whether this scheme will work out satisfactorily is a question which the future alone will prove.

They have rooms for twelve lay nurse pupils—those who are deaconess-novices will occupy the block with the other deaconesses.

This, then, is the only nurses' training school where the pupils will reside at the hospital itself, and will be expected to be less free and worldly (*pas aussi mondaines*).

In the meantime, neither this Order of deaconesses, nor another very much larger—the Deaconesses de Renilly—are increasing in numbers. Nor are the recruits of quite the good stuff they used to be. History shows us only too clearly that the treatment of the sick is not what it used to be. Charity is worked on humanitarian and altruistic lines, and religious orders are fast dying out.

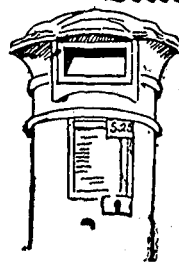
Every praise should then be given to Mme. Salvador for having initiated and pushed on with so much energy the nursing of the sick on scientific and lay lines.

EDLA R. WORTABET.

NURSING ORGANISATION IN NEW ZEALAND.

Miss H. Maclean, Assistant Inspector of Hospitals, and Registrar of Nurses and Midwives in New Zealand, has been appointed President of the newly formed New Zealand Trained Nurses' Association. Many nurses trained in New Zealand and working in this country will hear of this appointment with pleasure.

Letters to the Editor.



Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not IN ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.

A TIMELY SUGGESTION.

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

DEAR MADAM,—In the last number of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING which has reached me I read about formaldehyde in water as a remedy for the fly nuisance.

I have been trying formalin, as we have no formaldehyde, and 3 drachms in half a pint of water accounted for five hundred, and this in a few hours. As the article described, they died around the basin of solution as well as in it.

Thanking you for this timely suggestion,

I remain,

Yours truly,

Kashmir.

M. N. NEVE.

THE RECENT CONGRESS.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I had the privilege of being present at one of the meetings of the recent Congress of Nurses, and if I could have arranged it, would have attended them all, because I was greatly impressed with the practical nature of the speeches made by the ladies from different countries. I venture to suggest that at future Congresses you should invite medical men to attend. I feel sure they would be as interested as I was.

Yours faithfully,

F.R.C.S.

[Several of the foreign fraternal delegates were distinguished medical men, and at some of the Congress meetings well-known London surgeons and physicians were present.—Ed.]

Notices.

FOUND AND LOST.

A small white and gold badge was found in the large hall at Caxton Hall, at the conclusion of the International Congress of Nurses, and can be had on application and identification, at 431, Oxford Street, London, W.

Miss Edla R. Wortabet will be glad to hear of a lace fichu lost at the Banquet at the Gaiety Restaurant on July 21st.

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.

OUR PUZZLE COMPETITION.

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

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