

### Practical Points Prize.

We have much pleasure in stating that our Prize of Five Shillings for the best Practical Point paragraph has been won by Mrs. Alice West, Mount Cottage, Rosary Road, Norwich, for the following paragraph on the feeding of helpless patients.

#### THE FEEDING OF HELPLESS PATIENTS.

A great help in feeding a sick person with milk, water, or any fluid, is a slender glass tube, bent at one end. The short bend rests on the edge of a glass or cup, and is placed between the lips. The long part goes down into the water. The patient can so suck up small drinks very easily, and comfortably, without being raised up, or any change of position in bed. There is no risk of spilling, or choking, which might happen when feeders are used. The tube should be kept laid in water between use. When feeders are used, one made of glass will be found a great improvement on the ordinary kind. Their cleanliness can be made positive, as every part is clear to the eye, and when in use the flow of fluid through the spout can be seen, and regulated to a nicety in consequence, which is a great comfort to a helpless patient who has difficulty in swallowing. A tiny, soft, round sponge on a little holder is a nice way of giving a very weak patient a sip of water, to keep the mouth fresh and cool. Always use a feeding cloth, and insist on others doing the same in the nurse's absence, it saves much discomfort to the patient, a fact which few people seem to realise.

ALICE WEST.

We also commend the following paragraphs:—"Treatment of a Case after Chloroform has been given," Miss V. James; "The Care of the Dead," Miss M. Green; "The Dressing of the Umbilical Cord," Miss Evans, and "Leeches," by Miss E. Molson.

At the same time we wish we could commend very many more of these Practical Points Paragraphs. Several of the paragraphs sent in are not Practical Points at all. It is a curious fact that nurses seem more reluctant to write on the practical side of their work than on any other, and yet here they have a field exclusively their own.

#### THE NEATEST NURSE PHOTOGRAPH.

We desire to remind our readers that Saturday, January 22nd, is the latest date for photographs for the above competition to reach the Editor. The Prize for the winning photograph will be 10s., and, as every nurse should aspire to immaculate neatness we hope that many photographs will reach us on that date.

### Lord Inverclyde on State Registration.

In the autumn a Statement issued in pamphlet form by the Association for the Promotion of the Registration of Nurses in Scotland was widely circulated, and we were asked to criticise it, as it was considered that it did not deal accurately with the Bill promoted by the Society for the State Registration of Nurses as passed by the House of Lords. This we did.

At a meeting of the Society, held on Nov. 26 last, a Resolution pointing out objections was passed unanimously, and Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, the Hon. Secretary, was directed to forward a copy to Lord Inverclyde, the President of the Scottish Association, together with the criticism of the Statement on Registration issued by his Association. This was done on December 1st, a reply, dated 17th December, was received from Lord Inverclyde, and was filed for report to the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

The following correspondence has subsequently passed between Mrs. Fenwick in her official capacity as Hon. Secretary, and Lord Inverclyde, and at his request, and with the consent of Miss Isla Stewart, President of the Society for State Registration, we have pleasure in publishing it.

Castle Wemyss,  
Wemyss Bay, N.B.

10th January, 1910.

DEAR MADAM,—I wrote to you on 17th December, in reply to your letter to me of the 1st December, and as I have received no acknowledgment from you I will be glad to know if you duly received my letter. In order that there should be no misapprehension in the matter I would have thought you would have published my letter—if you have received it—in the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, and I shall be glad if you will do so.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

INVERCLYDE.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick,  
Hon. Secretary,  
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of Trained Nurses,  
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The Society for the State Registration of  
Trained Nurses,

431, Oxford Street, London, W,  
January 11th, 1910.

MY LORD,—I beg to acknowledge your letter of the 10th inst., and to draw your attention to the fact that my former letter to you was written in my official capacity of Hon. Secretary of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, and that your Lordship's reply was addressed to me as

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