

spaces of the decidua serotina the blood of the mother and fœtus are brought into close contact without actually mixing, and by the process of osmosis the foetal blood is purified and aerated in a similar way to the mother's blood in respiration, the difference being that the cells in the lungs are filled with air, instead of as in the placenta with blood.

#### OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS FOR APRIL.

*April 1st.*—Who is your favourite character in History, and why?

*April 8th.*—In what ways may sleep be induced without drugs?

*April 15th.*—What is the most important feature in the treatment of diabetic patients?

*April 22nd.*—What are the usual symptoms of pregnancy?

*April 29th.*—How are burns usually classified?

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### Nurses Untrilled.

We regret to learn that economy under the Metropolitan Asylums' Board is taking the form of retrenchment in relation to the nurses' uniforms, and the sub-committee appointed by the General Purposes Committee to consider and report on the question of officers' uniforms propose a reduction in materials for women's dresses and uniforms, and also report: "We have abolished lace and special frillings for caps, an alteration which should result in decreased work in the laundries. On the other hand we propose that if needed, and not otherwise, a larger number of aprons be issued to most of the female staff, as we are satisfied that the present allowance is inadequate in many instances. The financial saving on the reductions in materials, lace, etc., above referred to, should be considerable."

Nevertheless, a professional appearance in a nursing staff is an asset which is of definite value, and the disappearance of the neat and becoming caps with goffered frills will be regretted by many, who are of opinion that too dear a price may be paid for small economies of this kind.

We hope that Miss Margaret Jones, the Matron of the North-Eastern Hospital, Tottenham, who has been granted a month's leave of absence in order to recruit her health after a recent illness, will return to work invigorated by her rest. She is one of the hard workers who can ill be spared, and it is only a short time since she was transferred from Gore Farm Hospital to the North-Eastern, where we hope she has many happy and useful years before her.

### The International Council of Nurses.

Miss L. L. Dock, the Hon. Secretary of the above Council, writes that she is getting ready to start on the Programme of the International Congress of Nurses, to be held at Cologne next year, 1912.

It has been proposed—(1) To make a special presentation of all the new lines of social service (public service) nursing work. (2) To show the development of good secular training schools in hospitals managed by nuns for the help of the North German Roman Catholic Sisters who are very willing to progress if they knew how.

Miss Dock will at an early date send a secretarial letter for publication in the official organs of the various National Councils of Nurses, and as she would like to be able to communicate an outline of the intended programme at Cologne to the annual meeting of the American Federation of Nurses at Boston, U.S.A., in June next, she asks for an early notice of proposed Resolutions. Miss Dock writes: "I am perfectly bewitched with the accounts of the Pageant. You are wonders. Will you not bring it to Cologne? I think it would be simply thrilling."

#### THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

The immediate question is when shall the annual meeting of the National Council of Nurses be held to settle all these important affairs? Why should we not hold it in Coronation week? A luncheon at which to wish Health and Happiness to our new Monarchs, after which a Conference to decide on the part the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland wish to take in the great forthcoming International Congress at Cologne. We know from past experience how wonderfully German woman organise their international hospitality, and the gathering in the historic Gürzenich at Cologne cannot be missed, especially by British nurses who wish to give a hearty welcome to their colleagues from India and New Zealand at the Affiliation Ceremonies.

### The Nursing Pageant.

Many inquiries are still being made as to whether the Programme and Book of the Words of the Nursing Pageant can still be obtained. The Programme, price 2d., and the Book of the Words, price 6d., may be had on application to the Pageant Secretary, 431, Oxford Street, London, W. Postage (1d.) should be enclosed.

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