

Central London Sick Asylum, Nazareth Home, Metropolitan Convalescent Home, Broadstairs, St. John's Hospital, Lewisham, and the Margaret Street Sanatorium, Hastings.

#### OUR PRIZE COMPETITION:

We regret that no paper has been received of sufficient merit in connection with our prize competition to justify our awarding a prize.

#### QUESTION FOR NEXT WEEK.

How would you amuse a convalescent child, aged five to eight years, isolated with infectious disease.

#### EASY TO TRANSFER.

We have been asked to mention that any nurse who desires to transfer from one Insurance Society approved by the Commissioners to another is quite at liberty to do so. A regular transfer form is provided by the Commissioners for the purpose. We emphasise this because nurses have been informed at the office of the Nurses' Insurance Society that it is impossible to transfer, and as this is quite untrue we advise them not to be deterred from transferring if they wish to do so.

#### A "NIGHTINGALE" PRIZE.

The Scottish Society of Trained Nurses has decided, as will be seen from a letter in our correspondence columns, to institute a "Nightingale" Prize, in connection with a competition which may be shared in by all trained nurses. The prize will, in the first instance, take the form of a medal, and every care will be taken by the examiners appointed to maintain a high standard of efficiency in connection with the award of the prize.

#### THE IRISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

Dr. MacDowel Cosgrave gave a most interesting lecture on "Flies and Disease" in the lecture-room of the Irish Nurses' Association on December 4th. The lecturer first explained in what way mosquitoes were the cause of the spread of tropical diseases, such as malaria and yellow fever, and gave a short account of the methods adopted for their extermination. He also spoke of the danger of the spread of infection by the common house fly, through contamination of food, &c. The lecture was illustrated throughout by beautifully finished lantern slides, and those present thoroughly enjoyed it. A hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer was passed.

#### NEWS FROM NORWAY.

The Chairman of the Norwegian National Association of Trained Nurses, Sister Bergljot Larsson, Christiania, in a circular letter to Norwegian nurses inviting all to help to form the Association, states that for long there has been need to unite. Sick nursing is so high a calling that it must not be degraded, and the ease with which it may be undertaken in private work, without preliminary training, gives women the opportunity to take upon themselves the responsibility of nursing, such as should only be entrusted to fully trained nurses, and it is self-evident that this is a great disadvantage both to the patient and to nursing as a profession. Further, that the result of existing conditions is that unsuitable women work as sick nurses.

Trained nurses, like other professional people, must therefore, she points out, uphold their status and their rights, and only those women should have the right to be professional nurses, and use the name of Sister, who will train adequately for their profession. On this account she urges Norwegian nurses to bind themselves together to help to support one another in the endeavour to become more proficient in their calling, and to encourage and help nurses who have only a partial and insufficient training to seek a fuller one.

The aim of the Norwegian Trained Nurses' Association is:—

(a) To establish the position of Norwegian Trained Nurses, and to bring about a greater bond of union between trained nurses than at present exists.

(b) To watch over the interests, economic and collegiate, of nurses.

(c) To work for the development of the position of sick nurses, and for the advance of sick-nursing as a profession.

It is with great pleasure we have received the first number of *Sykpleien*, the organ of the Norwegian Trained Nurses' Association, edited by Sister Bergljot Larsson, the President of the Association. It contains an article on the foundation of the International Council of Nurses and of the Congress in Cologne, and of the general meeting of the members of the newly-formed association, as well as greetings from other countries on its foundation, and many more interesting items. The Association has shown its wisdom thus early in its career in appreciating the importance of possessing a professional organ, under its own control. We wish it all success in its work, and very especially

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