

to be "nobbled" for unprofessional press purposes by a person anonymously signing herself "The Secretary."

When at the close of the Conference this fact became known, several professional nurses felt that they had been tricked into taking part in its proceedings, and we for one expressed this opinion in writing to the Organising Secretary of the Exhibition.

Let there be no misunderstanding this year amongst those nurses who stand for ethical professional standards, and self-government. We cannot without loss of self-respect, permit ourselves to be "organised" anonymously by unprofessional persons, who exploit our profession for profit, who are quacks in so far as they assume the right to criticise, advise, organise and control our professional affairs, without that professional knowledge and status, which alone entitles them to assume such authority.

Our duty to our profession is quite clear. We must have honourable publicity in every particular in connection with the Exhibition and Conference, or we must refuse to supply gratuitous "copy" or take part in its discussion.

If need be, we shall deal with this question in further detail.

PERSPIRATION AND TUBERCULOSIS INFECTION.

In a recent important communication to the Paris Academy of Medicine, Professor Poncet detailed the result of experiments regarding the transmission of tuberculosis by perspiration. He related how, after bringing about a profuse perspiration in consumptive patients, by means of hot-air douches, he made a careful examination of the perspiration, and discovered that it contained 42 per cent. of tuberculosis microbes. Thus, Professor Poncet alleges, the danger of contagion from the clothes of persons suffering from tuberculosis, or from objects touched by them, is very great; and he urges that in future stricter sanitary precautions must be taken. All the clothes and objects touched by the patient must be disinfected, without exception, and the strictest isolation observed. Reference has already appeared in these columns to the increasing use of Izal in up-to-date laundries; and in view of the above announcement, the importance of this precaution is emphasised. No doubt, too, the same safeguard will be adopted in the many sanatoria now in course of erection or equipment. As Professor Poncet points out, if the tuberculosis bacillus can leave the body by the skin, it can probably enter in the same manner; and, therefore, it behoves the managers of laundries to adopt every reasonable safeguard.

Miss Ellen C. Pimlott, a professional nurse, has been awarded £175 for personal injuries in an aeroplane accident last August, at Filey. We shall deal with several legal cases of interest to nurses next week.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

As the Christmas season comes round there are many anxious consultations as to the most acceptable presents for friends. For trained nurses a book which will be of practical use to them in their daily work is sure to be appreciated; but how is it possible to be sure that the book selected will not only be acceptable on the score of its utility, but will also have the attractive appearance which we should like our Christmas gift to possess?

It is quite possible in the case of "The Science and Art of Nursing," which is appreciated by so many nurses as a book of reference—for the Waverley Book Company, Ltd., which, in the ordinary way, supplies it on most easy terms (namely, a small first payment, and afterwards monthly instalments after the book has been delivered), is making a special Christmas offer. This is to allow the probable buyer to have the edition delivered, carriage paid, to read and examine it for four clear days; and to return it, carriage forward, to the publishers, if she decides it will not be useful. We think that such an offer has never before been made to nurses, and we do not anticipate that any of the handsome crimson and gold volumes will be returned at the expense of the publisher.

Our free approval order form for the use of those who like to see first what they are thinking of buying, which will be found in another column, should be sent to the Waverley Book Company, Ltd., 7-8, Old Bailey, London, E.C.

A VALUABLE TONIC WINE.

All nurses know that one of the most difficult things to combat in convalescence after severe illness is the depression and general loss of tone so often characteristic of this period. Recent experiments have shown that substances in alcoholic solutions are more quickly absorbed than those in aqueous solutions, and for this reason the Liebig's Extract of Meat and the Extract of Malt in Wincarnis are rapidly assimilated. The wine used is of a good quality and a stimulant to digestion, while the Malt Extract not only acts as a restorative, but also aids starch conversion. It has proved of much value in cases of influenza, anaemia and general physical weakness, and as Liebig's Extract is a Nerve Food, Wincarnis is often prescribed in cases of neurasthenia. It is supplied by Coleman & Co., Ltd., Wincarnis Works, Norwich.

HAZELINE CREAM.

The choice of an emollient is an important matter to nurses, for it is essential that in spite of much hard work and the use of strong antiseptics, their hands should be kept soft, smooth and supple. "Hazeline" Cream, supplied by Messrs. Burroughs Wellcome & Co., 6, Snow Hill Buildings, E.C., is an especially desirable and effective emollient, the excellence of which our readers can test free for themselves if they cut out and forward the coupon to be found on page ix of our advertisement columns.

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