

pox, and was put into a room next to the mortuary, where gas had to be burnt all day, there being no light. Two elderly "Gamps" attended on her, who did their washing and ironing in her room. When convalescent, without having been properly disinfected, this lady was allowed to walk down the Commercial Road, and was then sent to her friends in Suffolk. She was next told she was "too delicate" for a Nurse, but in spite of this suggestion she went to another Hospital, and is now doing very well as a Private Nurse upon her own account. These remarks may perhaps assist Mr. Editor in his crusade.

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I AM glad to be able to inform my readers that Miss Ellen M. Green, the successful candidate in the Second Post Card Examination, has chosen for her prizes Campbell's "Pleasures of Hope," and "Poetry of Nature," by Harrison Weir.

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THE third of the series of the *Nursing Record* "Post Card Examinations" has, I hear, resulted in favour of Miss Martha Powell, Private Nurse, 12, the Crescent, Birmingham. The increasing number of candidates for each examination is convincing evidence of the growing popularity of this series. One highly commendable feature the Examiners inform me of, is the very apparent effort on behalf of each candidate to observe the rules strictly and write neatly. Not one answer was disqualified in No. 3 examination. I am asked also to note that a page or so of the deserving "honourable mentions" will be published. The Examiners also wish me to say that their decision, in every instance, must be *final*; that is, they cannot possibly enter into any correspondence with any of the unsuccessful candidates as to the result, particularly in the face of the fact that Mr. Editor is only too pleased at all times to welcome genuine and unselfish suggestions. For the future (and this is important) all answers must be written on *thick* post-cards, as the thin ones double up so easily, and thereby become difficult to reproduce in *fac-simile*.

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A PRACTICAL test in the Post Card Examinations is announced in this week's issue. It is: "What do you consider the number of hours or length of time most suitable for Nurses—(1) For work; (2) For rest; (3) For recreation; (4) For meals?" This—considering its extremely "general" character, and the large amount of correspondence which has gone, and is still going, on throughout the Press on overwork for Nurses—should produce a very large number of replies.

A CORRESPONDENT writes to Mr. Editor:—"Thanks for giving us 'Camp and Studio'; let us have some more. If I had not been a 'Gamp' I should have been a 'Camp' Nurse." I feel quite sure Mr. Irving Montagu, the talented author of "Camp and Studio," who did heroic work before Plevna as war correspondent of the *Illustrated London News*, will feel complimented.

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I LEARN that the Rev. S. and Mrs. Barnett, of Toynbee Hall, Commercial Road, E., are about to start upon a lengthened foreign tour, and have asked Mrs. E. E. Perry to "take charge" for a while during their absence.

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SINCE then I hear that Mrs. Perry has accepted the post of Matron at Toynbee Hall, an appointment in which I am sure everyone who knows that lady will wish her success.

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I HEAR, and the information may be useful to all those whom it concerns, that "The Educational Committee of the London Young Women's Christian Association are again issuing a very attractive Prospectus of Evening Classes. Last autumn and winter nearly two thousand young women availed themselves of these classes, and numerous prizes and certificates were awarded to those students who proved successful in the recent examinations. At about twenty institutes in all parts of London classes are held for teaching dress-cutting, book-keeping, shorthand, type-writing, cookery, ambulance Nursing, Civil Service preparations, &c. Prizes and certificates are again offered. There are two good gymnasia and classes for gymnastic drill at other institutes. A prospectus will be sent on application to the Secretary, 16A, Old Cavendish Street, W.

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THE *Medical Record* of India, the copy of September 1 having reached me exactly twenty days after publication (quick work this!), has the following, as showing the importance of at least some Registration and control:—

Surgeon-Major C. H. Joubert has addressed the following letter to Physicians in Calcutta. This movement indicates a step in the right direction, and Dr. Joubert will earn the gratitude of a long-suffering public for his pains. Here is Dr. Joubert's letter:—

"We are all very familiar with the great difficulty which is often experienced in finding a sick Nurse or Midwife on an emergency. Many hours are often spent in sending about from address to address in search of a disengaged woman. I propose that a Register of Nurses and Midwives practising in Calcutta be kept at some convenient place. All Nurses whose names are on this Register will keep the person who looks after it informed as to their whereabouts, by letting

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