

THE "HOWLERS" OF THE LAY EDITED NURSING PRESS.

One most objectionable result of the lay edited nursing press—posing as professional—is the insertion of absurd statements as having been made by professional people. Hence the "howlers" constantly appearing in such journals. Another is the natural objection of these irresponsible editors to expose their ignorance by correcting their absurd mistakes.

We have this week felt compelled to communicate with Miss S. Bulan—the foreign laywoman who edits Macmillan's journal for nurses; and take the precaution of publishing our letter in this journal, as on a former occasion when a grave injustice had been done to the Registration cause, Miss Bulan thought well to exclude the letter of correction from publication:—

NURSING AND MIDWIFERY.

MADAM,—I must request you to insert this letter correcting what I am reported to have said at the Nursing Conference in Dublin, on page 712 of your last issue.

You insert the following statement: "Mrs. Bedford Fenwick said she resented the proposition that trained nurses should be asked to supplement midwifery. Midwifery and nursing were two distinct professions, and the work of the one could not rightly be supplemented by the other."

I made no such statement.

What I said was (1) that I objected to midwives who are not trained nurses being employed as such, and that they should keep carefully to the work for which they are educated; (2) In pointing out that nursing and midwifery are two distinct professions I added that "if trained nurses also possessed a midwifery qualification, it was an ideal standard for those working amongst the poor."

I am, &c.,

ETHEL G. FENWICK,
Hon. President Nursing Conference,
Dublin, 1913.

As the sub-editor of this journal, Miss M. Breay, also strongly objects to the manner in which her Paper "A Just Midwives Act for Ireland" has been garbled in the publication referred to above. We would emphasise the fact that THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING is the Official Organ of the National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland, and alone contains the authorised report of the Nursing Conference in Dublin.

Mrs. Shuter, Cleveland House, Chiswick Lane, W., Hon. Treasurer of the Isla Stewart Memorial Fund, will be pleased to receive subscriptions for 1913 which may not yet have been paid.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE FOR NURSES.

EXAMINATION FOR THE ROLL OF QUEEN'S
NURSES, JUNE 19TH, 1913.

1.—What do you understand by good ventilation? Why is it necessary? What steps would you take to obtain it?

2.—In the following emergencies what would you do pending advice from the doctor?

1. severe abdominal pain.
2. earache.
3. convulsions in a child.
4. bleeding from the nose.

3.—What would you do in a case of acute ophthalmia neonatorum till the doctor arrives, in a district where medical aid is difficult to procure quickly?

4.—In attending a bedridden case of carcinoma with offensive discharges how would you mitigate the unpleasant insanitary effects in the interests both of patient and household?

5.—Give a short account of the process of digestion. How does this influence choice of diet for an infant six months old, a case of pneumonia, and one of typhoid fever?

6 (a).—State the use and value of medical inspection of school children;

or

6 (b).—State concisely the provision made by the Poor Law

1. for the sick.
2. for the children.
3. for the mentally afflicted.

Question 6 is alternative: only (a) or (b) is to be answered.

PRESENTATION.

At the annual meeting of the subscribers to the Swaffham Cottage Hospital at which Mr. H. Lee Warner presided, the committee reported their deep regret at the resignations of the Matron, Miss Kennedy, and Nurse Dorothy Smith. Since their appointment seven years ago the value of the hospital had increased to a very great extent, and the committee felt that this was largely owing to their untiring devotion to its interests.

The vicar, the Rev. F. Keeling, then presented, on behalf of the subscribers, a purse of 20 guineas to Miss Kennedy, with an album containing a list of subscribers and "the compliment of it to both nurses," and wished them "good-bye" in the best sense—"God be with you both."

WEDDING BELLS.

A wedding of interest in the nursing world was solemnised at Bolton, Lancs., on June 19th. The bride was Miss F. Haslam, late Matron of the Women's Hospital, Nottingham, and the bridegroom Dr. Watson (M.D., Glas.), Hon. Surgeon

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