

7s., or a panama for the East 12s. 6d. The firm also supply the navy blue hat of the Canadian Army Nursing Service, and the regulation toques and hats of the British Red Cross Society and the St. John Ambulance Association.

The books on nursing subjects published and stocked by MESSRS. H. K. LEWIS, Gower Street, W.C., are deservedly popular. Nurses should make a point of visiting the establishment of this firm.

Lastly, do not forget that nothing is better for giving floors that finished polish in which all nurses take a pride than Shell Brand Floor Polish, prepared by ARCHIBALD H. HAMILTON & Co., Possilpark, Glasgow.

MESSAGE.

We have pleasure in drawing the attention of nurses who desire massage training to the facilities offered by Mrs. Hoghton Stewart, "St. Hilda's," 194, Marylebone Road, N.W., and Mrs. Wilson, Swedish School of Massage, 16, York Place, Baker Street, W.—both of whom are teachers of ability and experience.

The National Association of Trained Masseuses and Masseurs, Ltd. (Secretary, Miss Hordern), 15, Piccadilly, Manchester, is incorporated, and receives candidates from hospitals and schools for examination after six months' training. Names of certificated teachers may also be obtained on application.

DISPENSING.

The Westminster College for Lady Dispensers, 112, St. George's Road, Southwark, has a very successful record; and the Secretary, Mr. J. E. Walden, and the staff of teachers are to be congratulated on its standing.

COMING EVENTS.

April 6th.—Meeting Matrons' Council: To receive a Report from the President, *re* the College of Nursing Limited. 431, Oxford Street, London, W. 4 p.m.

April 10th.—Central Midwives Board Examination: London, Birmingham, Bristol and Liverpool.

April 13th.—Meeting Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses. Council Chamber, British Medical Association, 429, Strand. 2.30 p.m.

April 14th.—National Council of Women: Special Council Meeting on New Employments for Women Y.M.C.A. Hall, Tottenham Court Road, W.C. 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS.

April 15th.—What would you do in the following emergencies while waiting the arrival of a physician?

- (a) Apoplexy.
- (b) Asphyxia from gas.
- (c) Poisoning from an alkali.

April 22nd.—In what way and in what respects can the nutrition of the infant be improved by ante-natal supervision of the mother.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not in ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.

ENQUIRING MINDS.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR EDITOR,—The alluring picture of a Voluntary College of Nursing with a finger-post pointing to State recognition in the dim future is attracting large numbers of nurses. But whilst many will doubtless rush heedlessly and unthinkingly into any new thing recommended to them, there are, I am glad to find, very many nurses who will not join in any new scheme until they know more about it. These nurses are busy people and have very little time to attend meetings and do not find all their difficulties cleared up by reading the nursing papers. If any of these nurses with enquiring minds would like to come and see me on any of the following dates, Saturday afternoons, April 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th, I shall be very pleased to welcome them at 57, Albany Street (close to Portland Road Station), and over a cup of tea will try to solve some of the problems that perplex them, and will try to help them grasp the value of State Registration for the protection and uplifting of their profession.

I am, yours truly,

ANNIE E. HULME.

57, Albany Street, Regent's Park, N.W.

MESS ALLOWANCE.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR EDITOR.—Many of us are delighted at the way in which you have fought for the rights of the T.F.N.S. nurses. You perhaps could tell us through your columns why it is that the Home units are paid at different rates. In many of them the staff have received either monthly or quarterly a substantial return, called mess allowance. In others the nurses have received nothing or a mere pittance. Why is this?

The Government promised various allowances in peace time, and surely the workers are entitled to the surplus. If one unit can do it, surely another can. It is not fair that nurses should suffer for Matrons' bad management. If they cannot receive cash, they would not object to having it in Exchequer Bonds.

Many nurses are working at a very serious financial loss in the T.F.N.S.

I am, yours faithfully,

ELSIE ROSS.

Independent College,
Manchester.

[As a member of the Mansion House Committee of the Territorial Force Nursing Service for the City and County of London, we have taken deep interest in this most useful Service since its inception. We will seek the information required.—ED.]

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