

The houses had sunk areas, just wide enough for a stair, and the basements seemed full of tenants. There was a little wind blowing, so that the atmosphere was tolerable, notwithstanding a few stray leaves of cabbage, suggestive of others in a more objectionable condition not far off.

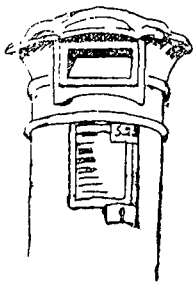
A confused noise of loud voices, calling and scolding, hitherto drowned by the tumult of the street, now reached our ears. The place took one turn more, and then the origin of it became apparent. At the farther end of the passage was another lamp, the light of which shone upon a group of men and women, in altercation, which had not yet come to blows. It might, including children, have numbered twenty, of which some seemed drunk and all more or less excited. Roger turned to go back the moment he caught sight of them, but I felt inclined, I hardly knew why, to linger a little. Should any danger offer, it would be easy to gain the open thoroughfare.

"It's not at all a fit place for a lady," he said.

"Certainly not," I answered; "it hardly seems a fit place for human beings. These are human beings, though. Let us go through it."

(To be continued.)

On account of pressure upon our space, "Nursing Echoes" are unavoidably held over until next week.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

(Notes, Queries, &c.)

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.

### THE HOME OF REST AT BRIGHTON.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—Will you permit me, through your widely read columns, to inform Nurses that as applications for immediate admission into the Brighton Home are now being perforce declined for want of room, it would be well for those who desire to go there to write to the Matron, 12, Sussex Square, at least a fortnight in advance, to secure the promise of a bedroom? Members of the R.B.N.A. need only quote their card number in applying for admission. Other applicants must furnish some proof that they are engaged in Nursing work.—I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

ETHEL GORDON FENWICK,  
20, Upper Wimpole Street. Hon. Secretary.  
May 30, 1891.

### OBSTETRIC NURSING.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Dear Sir,—As an Obstetric Nurse, it is always with interest that I read your articles on the same by "Obstetrica," but there are a few lines in this week's article to which I

should like to draw attention, in which "Obstetrica" says, referring to the adjustment of the baby's gown: "Lying on his back across your knees, raise him by the shoulders with your left hand, and pass the gown over his head, and down to the waist with your right hand. I venture to say that I think this quite wrong. Baby's head should never be moved about, or raised, more than absolutely necessary, and this, I think, cannot be sufficiently impressed upon Nurses."

The proper way of putting on the little gown, is by passing it over the baby's feet, not head; it can then be drawn up to the waist and finished in the usual way.—Yours faithfully,

A. H.

[Our respected correspondent should not write on both sides of the paper.—Ed.]

## The "Nursing Record" POST-CARD EXAMINATIONS.

No. 21.

A Book or Books of the value of Five Shillings will be awarded to the best answer to the following question, addressed, "Nursing Record Post-Card Competition," St. Dunstan's House, Fetter Lane, E.C. All answers to this question to reach us not later than the morning of Saturday, June 6th, 1891:—

"What is an Aneurism?"

(a) The answer must be written (neatness and distinctness count to credit) in ink, on a thick post-card, with the full name and address of the candidate at the top. The successful candidate's answer will be printed in fac-simile.

(b) All associated with nursing work are accepted as candidates, but in case of a "tie" a subscriber will naturally have preference, and for this reason each candidate must mention at the bottom of the post-card, "I am a subscriber," or "I obtain the NURSING RECORD from—"

(c) The decision of the Examiners to be final.

\* Give name and address of newsagent where obtained.

## COMPETITIVE PRIZE ESSAY. TWENTY-FOURTH COMPETITION.

A Book or Books of the value of One Guinea will be awarded for an Essay upon the following subject:—

"Describe in full the amount and kind of help required in a Hospital laundry. The Hospital contains sixty-four beds; and there is a daily average of fifty-four patients. Their personal linen is not washed at the Hospital. The Staff consisting of House Surgeon, Matron, eight Nurses, and ten servants, there are about eighty Ward sheets, fourteen quilts, fourteen blankets, eighty pillow-cases, towels, &c., besides the house linen, eighty Nurses' and Servants' aprons, and, of course, a large number of collars and cuffs, to be washed each week. The servants all wear cotton dresses, but not the Nurses. The washing is not to be done by machinery."

### RULES.

1.—Contributions to be sent to the Editor, at the office of THE NURSING RECORD, not later than Saturday, June 6, 1891, addressed as follows:—"Prize Essay Competition, THE NURSING RECORD, St. Dunstan's House, Fetter Lane, London, E.C."

2.—Manuscript must be written distinctly in ink and on one side of the paper only, upon not less than 24 nor more than 48 pages of ordinary-sized ruled sermon paper. The pages must be numbered and fastened together.

3.—The real and full name and address (stating whether Miss or Mrs., of the Competitor must be inscribed on the back of each contribution, and notification of which Hospital or Institution the Competitor has been or is attached to.

4.—Trained Nurses or those personally associated with Nursing work only allowed to compete.

Winners in previous Competitions are permitted to compete, but in case of a "tie" the prize would be awarded to the Competitor who has not secured a prize before.

The decision of the Prize Essay Editor to be final, and any infringement of the above Rules will be considered a disqualification.

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