

3. State carefully the mistakes that a young mother is likely to make in artificially feeding her first baby from a month to a year old. How would you (1) recognise and (2) avoid them?

4. You are sent to a man suffering from phthisis (advanced) in a four-roomed house, where there are four children and the mother as well as the patient. What should you do for the patient and what for the protection of the family?

5. Give a list of articles required for the lending cupboard of a district, with approximated cost of appliances, and how would you obtain them if you had not what you think is necessary? State also how you would clean and store rubber tubing, water pillows, ice bags, mackintosh sheeting and flannel shirts.

6A. What recent public measures have been adopted to decrease the mortality of measles amongst children? To what extent can district nurses co-operate with these measures?

6B. To what extent and from what sources would you obtain extra nourishment during sickness for: (a) Disabled soldier or sailor. (b) War widow. (c) Marasmic baby. (d) Phthisis patient. (e) An old age pensioner. (f) Labourer's wife ill with pneumonia.

THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE CENTENNIAL.

Florence Nightingale was born on May 12th, 1820, in the Villa Columbaia, near the Porta Roma, at Florence, the City of Flowers, and already arrangements are being made in the United States by the National Organisation for Public Health Nursing and other groups of American Nurses for the celebration of the Florence Nightingale Centennial. An outline for a series of tableaux portraying events in the life of the Queen of Nurses has been arranged in such a way that amateurs can easily produce them.

The newly-organised Central Council for Nursing Education in Chicago—says *The American Journal of Nursing*—has offered a prize of 500 dollars for the best three-act play by an American author, based on incidents in the life of Florence Nightingale. The Americans are indeed a very enterprising people!

The centennial of Florence Nightingale will certainly not pass unobserved in her own country. It would be interesting to know how best we can honour her memory, as she herself would have approved it.

The General Purposes Committee of the London County Council recommend that nurses who regularly assist in post-mortem examinations shall be paid, in addition to their ordinary remuneration, £2 10s. a quarter at those mental hospitals accommodating over 2,000 patients, and £1 5s. a quarter at other hospitals.

NURSING IN PARLIAMENT.

NURSES' REGISTRATION ACT (COUNCIL).

On March 24th Mr. Grundy asked the Minister of Health whether he can give an assurance that in the appointment of the first Council under the Nurses' Registration Act there will be included representatives directly nominated by *bona fide* nurses' trade unions, as distinct from associations presumed to cater for nurses, but directed and controlled by persons other than nurses?

DR. ADDISON: Under the Schedule to the Act I am bound to consult, and I have consulted, three organisations specifically named and such other associations or organised bodies of nurses or Matrons as ask to be consulted. No organisation is given the right of direct nomination to the General Nursing Council. The invitations in connection with the membership of the Council will be issued to-morrow;

The selection of the sixteen nurses and the five other persons—a duty deputed to the Minister of Health in the Schedule to the Nurses' Registration Act—has been by no means an easy task, as all classes of persons, including groups of employers, have persistently urged their claims to representation on the Registered Nurses' Governing Body—the General Nursing Council. Thus it was considered only fair by the Labour Party that the Nurses' Trade Union group should not be excluded from helping to frame the Rules they would have to obey, a very active attempt to exclude them having been made by supporters of the College of Nursing, Ltd.

CHAIRMAN AND COUNCIL OF COLLEGE OF NURSING, LTD.,

INTERFERENCE WITH LIBERTY OF ACTION OF NURSE MEMBERS.

In reply to a communication sent to the Secretary of the College of Nursing, Ltd., asking if it had officially advised members not to join a trade union, the following letter was received:—

"My dear Sir,—In reply to your letter of the 18th ult., I have to say that Sir Arthur Stanley, in a circular letter written as Chairman of the Council of the College of Nursing, stated that it was, in his opinion, inadvisable for a Nurse who is a member of the College to join a Professional Trade Union. Similar advice has been given at Headquarters to a Nurse who enquired as to membership of the 'Poor Law Trade Union,' by which, no doubt, she meant 'The Poor Law Workers' Trade Union.'

"Yours truly,

"(Signed) M. S. RUNDLE,
Secretary.

This interference with the liberty of action of nurse members of the College is quite consistent with its usual autocratic government—and is by

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