

*12th Prize.*—A Monthly Supply of Tooth Paste and Powder for one year, presented by Messrs. Eucryl, Ltd. Awarded to Nurse R. L. Riley, 65, Blenheim Terrace, N.W.8.

*13th Prize.*—20 min. Record Hypo. Syringe, presented by The Surgical Manufacturing Co. Awarded to Miss E. Devenish-Meares, Bexley, Kent.

### THE METROPOLITAN ASYLUMS BOARD AND NURSES' REGISTRATION.

The following *questionnaire* has been sent by the Clerk to the Metropolitan Asylums Board to the heads of institutions employing Nurses:—

#### General Nursing Council—Registration of Nurses.

Adverting to my Memorandum of October 15th last, enclosing copy of the Rules of the General Nursing Council, will you please let me know—

- (a) How many nurses at your institution are now, *prima facie*, qualified to be registered?  
 (b) Of these, how many have actually become registered?

It is understood that at some institutions nurses are showing some reluctance in the matter. Is this your experience?

Have any steps been taken at your institution in connection with the matter? Do you wish to make any suggestions, please?

We gather that many nurses object to be compelled to register on the Fever Nurses' and the Children's Supplementary Registers. Many so trained are at present doing General Nursing and they fear loss of means of livelihood. Others strongly object to placing themselves under the General Nursing Council as at present constituted and managed, and Fever nurses justly resent the elimination of their trusted leader and expert, Miss Susan Villiers, from the Education and Examination Committee, to make room for a titled laywoman, who knows nothing of their educational requirements or special work.

### THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

The people of Shotley Bridge have presented a "Princess Mary Cot" to the Royal Victoria Hospital, Newcastle-on-Tyne, in commemoration of Princess Mary's wedding day.

Lord Bessborough, at the annual meeting of the Evelina Hospital, Southwark Bridge Road, S.E., called attention to the desperate straits of this hospital, the largest children's hospital in south and south-east London. The annual expenditure is £13,000 and the income far short of this amount and the committee are desirous of increasing it by at least £3,000. Last year the deficit was between £3,000 and £4,000, which is owing to the bankers, and £5,000 is needed for painting and renovations long overdue.

Mr. Stuart de la Rue has so far given the largest individual donation to the Hospitals of London

Combined Appeal of one thousand guineas. The Lord Mayor opens his Mansion House Fund-in-Aid on May 1st.

### OUTSIDE THE GATES.

The sympathy of the Profession will be extended to Her Royal Highness Princess Beatrice at the loss, after an operation, of her son, Lord Leopold Mountbatten, on Sunday last. Owing to delicacy of health, this young Prince has suffered much, although he has borne pain with great fortitude, and lived an active and travelled life. Handsome, brave and chivalrous, his death will be regretted by many.

Princess Beatrice has been called upon to suffer much tribulation. The loss of her young husband in the Ashantee campaign, and of her youngest greatly beloved son in the Great War, gives her a special place in the hearts of patriotic nurses.

The Medical Correspondent of the *Times* writes that the Joint Committee on the Physical Education of Girls has addressed an important *questionnaire* to members of the medical profession. The questions are to be answered before the end of this month.

The doctors are invited to state, under seal of secrecy, what effects, if any, they have observed from physical education, including games and sports, on (a) unmarried girls over 12 years of age, and (b) married women. They are asked to detail any departure from health which seemed attributable to physical education, and whether experience has suggested that there are any individual sports which should be modified or avoided altogether by girls in their teens. The answers to these questions will be awaited with great general interest.

The Malthusian League, in the work of which many nurses are interested, holds a Public Meeting at Kensington Town Hall, on Birth Control and National Efficiency, on April 27th at 8.30 p.m. Mrs. B. I. Drysdale will be in the chair. The official organ of the League is a sixpenny monthly called *The New Generation*, the tone of which is thoroughly patriotic and reasonable.

### COMING EVENTS.

*April 29th.*—Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council. Meeting to discuss extension of Objects. 431, Oxford Street, London, W. 4.30 p.m.

*May 5th.*—Royal British Nurses' Association Club, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W. Lecture under the auspices of the Napoleon Coterie on "The Autopsy of Napoleon." 4.30 p.m.

*May 5th.*—Guy's Hospital Past and Present Nurses' League. Dinner, the Nurses' Home, 7 p.m. Tea and coffee, 7.30 p.m. Annual Meeting, 8 p.m.

*May 5th.*—National Union of Trained Nurses. Meeting of London Branch, 117, Sutherland Avenue, Maida Vale. 7.30 p.m.

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