

## QUESTION FOR NEXT WEEK.

April 28th.—In supervision of the patient during pregnancy, what points would you observe as indicating some abnormality or source of danger.

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**NURSING ECHOES.**


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As a recognition of the services rendered to the community by mental nurses, the King has caused members of the nursing staff of Bethlehem Royal Hospital to be invited to witness the Royal wedding procession from the courtyard of Buckingham Palace.

The highly valuable work of mental nurses has been far too long ignored. Now that legal status has been won for them, they will come into their kingdom.

The Prince of Wales has signified his intention of being present at the ball at Lansdowne House on April 26th in aid of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses.

The Prince of Wales last week attended a meeting held at Windsor Guildhall with the object of completing a fund for a memorial to the late Sir William Shipley, former chairman of King Edward VII Hospital at Windsor, and a memorial to those who fell in the war. The memorial is to take the form of a nurses' hostel to accommodate a nursing staff, with tablets commemorating Sir William Shipley and the fallen.

Her Highness, Princess Helena Victoria has graciously consented to open a Bazaar on Friday, May 4th, at 3 o'clock, at the London Homœopathic Hospital, Great Ormond Street, W.C. 1., which has been promoted by the Matron and Nursing Staff with the object of raising Funds for the purchase of New Beds and Bedding so badly needed by the Institution.

It is hoped to realise at least £500 for this purpose, and every effort is being made to enlist the sympathetic support of all those interested in the Hospital to ensure an overwhelming success to the Nurses in their venture for the benefit of the Institution.

The active co-operation of all old Nurses is, therefore, most cordially invited and any help that they may be able to render either by contributions in money or kind will be most warmly appreciated and gratefully received by the Matron at the Hospital.

Contributions in money and kind from those interested in the hospital will also be most gratefully received by the Matron.

At a recent meeting of the Paddington Board of Guardians, Mr. Vaughan Owen deprecated the engagement of male nurses—and asked what was the difficulty about engaging female probationers like other hospitals throughout the London area? He was informed that other similar institutions had had the same difficulty in obtaining sufficient probationers. They wanted 103 nurses, which was a big number, and the Board could not get them all at once.

The parents of middle-class girls are keenly alive to the future of their salary earning daughters, and don't permit them to "bite off the first cherry from the bough."

Nursing as a profession is a very unknown quantity—there appears to be little security about it. We were talking to a journalist one day who has six daughters "to put out" who has followed the controversy in the G.N.C. on the "prescribed scheme of training," and who has come to the conclusion that without the definite contract for a standardised nursing education, the future is hopeless, and he disapproves of any of his daughters becoming nurses. The general part of the register is now going to be flooded with women with no hospital training—who are to be given the title of "Registered Nurse"—and who will therefore be in economic competition with thoroughly trained Existing and Intermediate nurses for the next twenty years, and it is only Nurses Registered "by Examination" who will have any real chance of preferment in the future. The lay controllers of the College of Nursing, Limited, never did a more cruel injury to the existing members of the Nursing Profession than by the votes of their members, combined with those of the lay and medical element on the G.N.C. in breaking faith with the 20,000 Registered Nurses admitted under the present Rules. Dr. Goodall will go down to posterity as the Chairman of the Registration Committee, who pushed through the new Rule betraying those nurses who came forward to form the First Register. One more proof of the danger of medical control of the nursing profession.

The following illuminating discussion took place recently at a meeting of the Hastings Board of Guardians, and proves how imperative it is that the "prescribed scheme of training" should be approved by the Minister of Health and Parliament, as provided in the Nurses'

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