Georgina B. Macvitie, S.R.N. (No. 30).-**\_''** T have been a subscriber for such a long time that the notice on December 1st came upon me as a bomb. I could not realise the catastrophe that THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING WAS NO longer to be issued as a weekly. It has always been to me a great stimulus to uphold my love for my career and professional life, especially in India, where I had many difficulties. You have so long and arduously worked to instil in all nurses who were taking up the work their duty, to devote themselves to the best 'care of the sick.' When a probationer at Bart.'s I was much struck with your recommendation that in the examination, 50 marks could be awarded for ' devotion to the sick.' The B.J.N. has been a friend for nearly half my life, and during my travels I eagerly looked for it in India and Russia. I cannot allow such valuable work as you, as Editor, and Miss Breay, as your able assistant, have accomplished to pass without acknowledging my indebtedness, and thanking you both for your life's devotion to it." *M. V. Winters, S.R.N.*—"I should like to

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Mary Burr, S.R.N.—" May I endorse all the expressions of regret at the decision to make the B.J.N. a monthly instead of a weekly journal. With many thanks for all your efforts on behalf of the trained nurses of the United Kingdom and the world."

*Emily Morgan.*"—As a recent subscriber to the B.J.N. and one of the younger generation of nurses, how greatly I regret I shall not continue to receive it weekly, and that in the hospital in which I was trained we were fed on unprofessional literature—instead of on B.J.N. ideals."

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Isabel Dixon, M.R.B.N.A.—" May I be amongst the number to thank you for all your work on our behalf. Nurses, many of them yet to come, will thank you in spirit—if they cannot in any other way. My sister and I wish our monthly B.J.N. all success."

G. F. Burnell, S.R.N.—" I have taken the B.J.N. for twelve years.' I should miss it if I cannot keep in touch with you, Miss Breay, Miss Macdonald, Miss Kent, and a few others to whom I feel I know quite well through its pages. I have a lot of calls on my money, but I would willingly subscribe to two monthly copies (to put one on some nurses' library table), if others would do the same, and by that means could make up the number required for a monthly issue."

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'more.' I hope we shall have the privilege of reading the B.J.N. for many years to come. It appeals to those who are no longer "pros." but interested in progress."

Charlotte R. Mill, S.R.N.—" I fancy some of us will begin to realise the work a weekly issue of the B.J.N. entails. When we lose something we often think how good it was. How you ever kept on for so long, week after week, I really do not know. With kind remembrances and very grateful thanks for all your past work for us."

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*Marion F. Foster.*—" Unless we have our journal at least monthly, what is going to save our souls and self-respect in these material times? Certainly not the amenable commercial Press, out for its own, and not our gain. We must all work for subscribers to keep our souls alive."

for subscribers to keep our souls alive." L. A. Waterer, S.R.N.—" I keenly regret the B.J.N. is henceforth to be only issued monthly. Away from home the loss counts even more than to those in close touch with nursing events of the day at home. I enclose subscription, wishing new edition all success."

edition all success." Ellen Shuter.—" I am glad of the opportunity to say how for years I have appreciated THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING every Friday morning. I have been a regular subscriber since I left St. Bartholomew's many years ago. I feel quite in touch with the nursing world. . . . We owe you and Miss Breay a great debt of gratitude for the noble way you have fought the nurses' battles up hill and down dale. Good wishes for the coming year."

## OUR PRIZE COMPETITION QUESTION FOR JANUARY,

We publish below our Prize Competition Question for January. The competing papers must reach the Editor, 20 Upper Wimpole Street, London, W.1, by the first post on Monday, January 14th, and the Prize Paper and the name of the prize winner will be printed in our January issue, published on January 18th. Please note that the prize is 10s., and the number of words of article 700-800.

## QUESTION.

Describe the general treatment and diet of measles, the treatment of special symptoms (1) Skin, (2) Nose and Throat, (3) Eyes; the treatment of complications and sequelæ; the method of disinfection; and the length and management of the quarantine period.

## LAST WORDS, 1923.

"Justice is so fine a thing that one cannot buy it too dear."—LE SAGE.

"Truth is the foundation, and the reason, of all perfection and beauty."-LA ROCHEFOUCAULD.