

from all lectures on the History of Nursing which I have attended.

The British College of Nurses possesses many original documents in its archives because I have seen them. I therefore plead for their publication, so that justice may be done to those who fought for and won Statutory education and legal status for us, and to whom the nursing profession owes its professional existence.

I am,

Your constant reader,
M. G. H.

[The information supplied to Miss S. M. Round and reprinted in *The Nursing Journal for India* for March and April, 1935, is from the report of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses for 1914. The Society published each year at the end of its printed reports a record of the principal events in the State Registration movement. We agree with our correspondent that it is important that this historical record should be accessible to students of nursing history, and hope before long to compile a pamphlet including the principal events up to December, 1919, when the Nurses Registration Acts were passed for England and Wales, Scotland, and Ireland.—Ed.]

A CONVALESCENT HOME FOR DIABETIC WOMEN AND GIRLS.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—It may be of interest to your readers to hear that the Diabetic Association has made arrangements with St. Mary's Convalescent Home, Birchington-on-Sea, Kent, for the proper treatment and accommodation of diabetic women requiring convalescence from hospitals. This Home, which had room for eighty women, is well run and beautifully situated near the sea, on one of the healthiest parts of the coast.

A nurse has been specially trained in the diabetic departments of three London hospitals to take charge of the diabetic patients in diet, insulin injections and so on. One of the doctors of the Association has inspected the Home and finds the arrangements are admirable.

Convalescent women between the ages of 14 and 65 are eligible for admission.

Application for admission should be made direct to the Matron. The terms for diabetic patients are 31s. 6d. per week and special reduced fares for a period of four weeks are available for patients travelling from any Southern Railway Station in London to Birchington.

Yours faithfully,
SYBIL C. CURAR,
Secretary,
The Diabetic Association.

THE SERVERS OF THE BLIND LEAGUE.

DAFFODIL DAY.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING,
39, Portland Place, W.1.

DEAR MADAM,—Will you allow me to thank you for so kindly inserting the article about our Metropolitan Daffodil Day in your March issue of the British Journal. The poem by William Wordsworth on Daffodils following is so very appropriate.

Yours faithfully,
H. OAKLEY TAPPENDEN,
Appeals Organiser.

KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

The World of Music.

One Who Pays, writes:—"Reverting to my former letter quoted in March, I am still clipping reports in the dailies

of educational organisations which publish the names of successful pupils, almost daily these reports appear. Under the heading of 'The World of Music' the *Daily Telegraph* published on April 27th *twenty-eight inches* of names in very small print of successful pupils of The London College of Music, in examinations for Diplomas in various sections, and in other examinations during the past half-year. I noted the name of a young friend amongst them and wrote at once and congratulated her on her success as I know she aspires to make music her profession."

The Only Nursing Journal.

A Scottish Correspondent writes.—At a recent meeting of the Scottish Nurses' Association, held in Glasgow, one nurse asked why nothing more was being done by the Association other than giving £10 to the Florence Nightingale Scholarship in connection with the Foundation. She said there was gross ignorance about it simply because they were not all reading the only real Nursing Journal: the "B.J.N."

(The Editor of course sympathises with this point of view.)

The Editor regrets that much interesting matter is crowded out this month owing to the lengthy Report of the National Council of Nurses' Meeting.

"R.M.P.A."—If the correspondent from Claybury Mental Hospital, Woodford Bridge, will forward name to Editor as evidence of good faith, the communication will be published.

We wish to make it quite clear that it was the Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association, and not the Mental Hospital Matrons' Association, which referred a matter of "nursing discipline and efficiency" to the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, and which was discussed at the recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Council on April 24th.

CANADIAN NURSES' ASSOCIATION'S EFFORT TO FINANCE NIGHTINGALE SCHOLARSHIPS.

We regret that in connection with the paragraph on the above subject published in our last issue, by a printer's error the sum it was decided to raise appeared as \$125,000 annually; it should have read \$1,250.00 annually for a scholarship and a similar sum towards the endowment fund, so that the Canadian nurses propose to raise the very handsome sum of about £500 annually.

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Articles on Practical Nursing subjects are favourably considered.

PRIZE COMPETITION QUESTION FOR NEXT MONTH.

State the usual causes of Nervous Breakdown, and how to relieve them with Nursing care.

We regret we are unable to award a Prize this month.

As THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING is a monthly paper the Editor will be greatly obliged if items of news which the readers desire included are sent to her as early as possible, as they often arrive just after the Journal has gone to press.

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