

Bristol on June 27 and 28, sixty-two Candidates presented themselves. Questions were set to be answered in writing on the 27th, and the Candidates were examined *viva voce* on the 28th. I must congratulate this most useful Association upon the continued excellence of its work.

I HAVE much pleasure in recording the appointment of Miss Alice P. Scherzer, Staff Nurse of the Chelsea Infirmary, to the Night Superintendentship of the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary. I believe that this lady is in every way fitted and qualified for the post.

THE seventeenth quarterly letter (June) to the Mary Adelaide Nurses is of more than passing interest, being from the pen of Mrs. Bonham Carter, who gives a bird's eye sketch, as it were, of nursing, from its earlier days to the present time, with not a few practical and sensible hints.

I NOTICE that *Babyhood* (that very excellent publication) for July appears in a new coat. The object of the publishers in making the change, which sets forth clearly that the Magazine is a journal of nursery health devoted to the diet, clothing and care of children, is to overcome, if possible, a very wide-spread misunderstanding on the part of the public, in a large section of which the name, in combination with the old picture cover, conveys the false idea that the periodical is a child's magazine. The principal articles in the July number are the seasonable ones of "Fruit for Children," "Weaning," the "Kindergarten on the Farm," and a paper on "The Baby's Mind: Studies in Infant Psychology."

THE following may not be altogether uninteresting to my readers. I, of course, feel sorry for the poor man, but it merely accentuates the fact that this is only very similar treatment to that which Nurses receive, and continue to put up with, at many of our Workhouses:—

"The St. Olave's (Southwark) Board of Guardians have received a letter from Dr. A. Brodie Cochrane, who is *locum tenens* at the Rotherhithe Infirmary for Dr. Johnson, in which he writes: 'I have to complain of the quality of the food provided for use ever since I came—nearly two weeks ago. I have found the tea and the coffee undrinkable, and have provided myself with supplies of these at my own expense. The butter is rank, and, in my opinion, unfit for food, so I have had to abolish it from my table, and eat dry bread or toast. The milk is very frequently sour—so often that it is a common occurrence. As to the eggs, I have not tasted a new-laid one since I have been here. Though some of those provided I have found passably eatable, many of them have been so stale that I was quite unable to eat them. I had two at breakfast to-day—both stale.' After complaining of the want of variety in the meats and vegetables, Dr. Cochrane says: 'Reverting to the subject of meat, I may add that cold mutton chops for supper are hardly appetising. I am

far from being fastidious, for I have travelled over a large portion of the globe, having been in India, South Africa, and many other countries, and have lived for years in the far West of America—on the "Plains," &c.; so that I am quite used to unpleasant food, and even hardships at times. All I ask for is good plain food, with perhaps a little more variety than at present; though I can do without the latter, provided I can get the former.' The Visiting Committee are considering, and will report upon the doctor's letter."—*The Daily News*.

I DRAW attention to the *New Combined Stocking Suspender*, just brought out by Messrs. Southall Bros. and Barclay. It can be used with their Sanitary Towels as well as for the stockings; the lower part unbuckles in the simplest manner that it may be comfortable for sleeping in. Perhaps none know the value of Southalls' Towels more than those ladies yachting or going up to the Highlands, and we are glad to see they may be obtained at such places as Cowes and Oban, for it enables one to get a small supply as they are required, which is of the greatest convenience to the travelling community. Although these goods are to be had at all ladies' underclothing and baby linen shops, a box of samples only, containing one Suspender, three Towels, one box Toilet Powder, one Sanitary Sheet (for the lying-in room), &c., one Knapkenette (for infants), may be obtained for two shillings and sixpence by writing to the Lady Manager, 17, Bull Street, Birmingham.

THE *Birmingham Medical Review*, in its issue of this month, in noticing—which it does very kindly—"Lectures to Nurses on Antiseptics in Surgery," which my readers are aware is No. 1 of the "*Nursing Record* Series of Text Books," falls into the error of "presuming" that the *Nursing Record* is under the direction of the British Nurses' Association, a mistake which several journals have from time to time made. I may perhaps be pardoned for again stating that the *Nursing Record* has nothing whatever to do with the B.N.A., beyond giving it, as I hope it will continue to give, a hearty and unbiassed support.

It is my great pleasure to announce that Miss Nancy F. Winter, M.B.N.A., Saffron Walden Hospital, has been declared the winner of the seventeenth Prize Essay Competition, which was upon the following subject:—"Give full particulars, with Notes as to Temperature, Dietary, &c., of at least four 'Cases,' Medical, Surgical, Mental, or Monthly, Nursed by Competitor herself, and describing the Case from its commencement to its termination. Temperature and Diet-charts, &c., should accompany Essay if possible." I congratulate this young lady upon her success.

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