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may accumulate while away, and can be taken together on her return or added to her annual vacation.

When sick, she has no anxiety, being well cared for by the visiting chief appointed to attend the nurses when necessary in a charming room of twelve beds set aside for that particular purpose. Between her calls she works in the wards, thus being able to keep up with the more recent methods in the various branches of nursing.

Miss Lückes, owing to the large number on her private staff, is thus able to personally select the nurse for each individual case, a factor so vital to the patient's welfare which is often lost sight of.

As one having served on the same private staff, I may say one realizes why Miss Lückes has so persistently held to the ideals she has, during her almost thirty years of matronship, ever kept before her nurses, namely, those of the personal qualities of the nurse being more essential even than the technical qualities of the same.

Surely two such well-established hospitals as those in question can receive one from the other, and unite in the common cause each so earnestly desires, the uplifting of the standard of a trained nurse. W. W. A.

ANSWERS TO EXAMINATION QUESTIONS

DEAR EDITOR: In the September number of the *AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING*, I noticed a letter signed F. H., asking "would it be possible when publishing, for instance, the examination of the State Board of Examiners for Georgia, to give the answers with the questions?"

For a year past it has been in my mind, that if this were done, it would make the *JOURNAL* more valuable and more necessary to a greater number of nurses.

First: The private duty nurse who, as the writer states, cannot carry many books, would be benefitted.

Second: It would make the *JOURNAL* more useful to our teachers, and thus serve to introduce it in a very practical way to the pupils of our schools.

Third: It would mean that copies of the *JOURNAL* containing the questions and answers would be of great service to nurses preparing to take the state board examinations.

Anything that would increase the usefulness of the *JOURNAL* to such an extent ought to increase the subscription list, and it is my opinion that it would do so. That it has done so in the case of a medical journal that prints the questions and answers of the doctors' state board examinations, is acknowledged by the publisher of said journal.

In view of this fact, would it not be possible to pay some one to furnish the answers, and let that some one be either the examiner who makes out the questions, or else a recognized teacher in one of our schools. To have the answers furnished in either of these two ways would be more business-like, and would mean less delay than to wait for "the best answer actually given to each question in the examination" (as suggested by the Editor in the September *JOURNAL*).

I make this suggestion with the full knowledge that the *JOURNAL* is in no position to entail the additional expense, unless there is good reason to

believe it would bring in adequate returns, but is it not possible that it might prove a good investment?

A subscriber who has been sorely puzzled to know the right answer to some of the examination questions.

[A request has just been sent to the 21 boards of nurse examiners for copies of their examination questions and answers. If the responses to this request are good, and if, as this writer suggests, there is any marked increase in the circulation of the JOURNAL as a result, it might be possible to sometime offer compensation for such contributions, but it would be quite impossible at present, or until the value of their publication has been demonstrated. Such material in the JOURNAL is purely educational and should be contributed freely by the individuals concerned as one of the means by which we are working through state registration for higher standards of efficiency in our profession.—Ed.]

A CORRECTION

DEAR EDITOR: A request for information as to where might be found a paper on associations to which, at a recent meeting of the Associated Alumnae, I had referred as having been written by Mrs. Robb, has led me to look up my remarks on that occasion. To correct an error and for the benefit of any others who might desire information on this matter, let me say at once that the paper in question on "A National Association of Nurses," was referred to as having been written by Miss Dock, and not by Mrs. Robb, although the latter's deep interest in such an organization was spoken of in connection with it. This paper was read at the meeting of the Society of Superintendents in Philadelphia in 1906 and is, so far as I know, published only in the Transactions of the Society for that year. I take it that the report of the discussions at the recent meeting of the Associated Alumnae was prepared directly from the stenographer's notes, and those who speak very rapidly are often followed by the stenographer with great difficulty. Later it is often still more difficult to transcribe such notes with even a fair degree of accuracy, and unless the speaker revises and corrects these remarks before they go to press, the result may be the publication of material which the speaker herself vainly endeavors to comprehend. It is so in the present case. Faithfully yours,

ADELAIDE NUTTING.

[We appreciate the difficulty Miss Nutting refers to in making up the official report of our large meetings from the stenographer's notes. Perhaps all of our members may not understand that these notes pass through the hands of the president and secretary of the association before coming to the JOURNAL, where they are still further edited, but even with such thorough supervision it is impossible for all errors to be detected. The only remedy for such mistakes as Miss Nutting has referred to is in selecting a nurse, who is also an expert stenographer, who would be paid for attending the national and state meetings to report and revise the proceedings. The difficulty is that ordinary stenographers, no matter how skilful, do not understand the subjects under discussion and fail to grasp the meaning of statements that would be perfectly clear to a nurse of average intelligence.—Ed.]