

CONTRIBUTED ARTICLE.

SOME WAYS OF COLLECTING MONEY.

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LAST month each member of the Trained Nurses' Association of India received in her Journal a form asking her to collect the sum of ten rupees. This will most likely be a problem to some, but it is really very little to ask when we consider what we receive from the Association.

Now we are not asked to *give* this amount from our own purses but to collect it in any way we please, this means service and perhaps sacrifice, but surely every one of us will be glad to do 'her bit' for our Association.

Then the question arises how can we make money? I propose to tell you a few ways and doubtless other members will think of other methods. When they do it would be kind to let us hear of them by writing to the Editor and letting them appear in the Journal.

One way of getting cash is to make something and sell it—a cushion cover, a nice dressing table cloth, a tea cloth or even a blouse or a jumper. If you cannot sell it, then raffle it. Most people will take a ticket in a raffle for a pretty article, and more money can be made in a raffle than by selling the thing. The materials need not be expensive, but of course the work must be the best you can do.

A pretty tea cloth can be made of cotton crepe in a nice shade of blue or pale pink, pale mauve or lemon yellow, either applique or embroider the corners, and pull out threads for a fringe. It will cost little but will fetch a nice sum if raffled for annas 8 tickets.

Dainty hankies, d'oyleys, pin-cushions and sachets—coat hangers covered with pretty bits of muslin or voile will all find ready purchasers.

Members who are good candy makers will have no difficulty in finding a market for their wares. I suggest an advertisement in the Journal, and orders could be fulfilled as they were received. Boxes covered with fancy paper and some tied with bits of ribbon will sell for far more than their cost.

Boxes and baskets can be covered with white paper and then decorated with paper applique. This is simply shapes cut from coloured paper and arranged to form patterns. Rounds, triangles and simple leaf shapes will work up into lovely designs, they are just gummed on to the white paper. There is much scope for ingenuity in this work and the results are beautiful. Soap boxes decorate nicely, but paper applique can be used to adorn trinket boxes, little vases made out of bottles, old tins and numberless other things.

Hankies generally find a ready sale and do not take much time to make. A yard of lawn will make about a dozen, they can be finished by rolling the edges and whipping with a coloured cotton or plair hemmed or hemstitched; edged with narrow lace or a net border can be added. They can be ornamented in any way you please, tiny flowers worked in lazy daisy stitch in the corners, or lines of coloured threads run in to form a border.

An American Tea is a good way of making money. Each guest is asked to bring a gift worth one rupee, and to buy an article for a rupee. In the tea room you have a stall or table and it is furnished by the gifts brought by the guests and nothing is left over as each guest has to buy something. A charge may be made to cover the actual cost of the tea if you like.

Competitions of every kind can be got up, either at a party or by themselves. There must be a small entrance fee and a prize. Limericks, cross words, anagrams and any others you can think of. Tea parties with a guessing competition are always liked. Guess the weight of a cake, the number of beads or tabloids in a bottle, the pins in a cushion, the time a clock will stop, etc. Four annas should be paid for each guess and a prize given to the nearest correct. When guessing the weight of a cake or the name of a doll, the cake or doll will be the prize.

Other members more ambitious might get up a concert or play, and then more than the Rs. 10 would be forthcoming.

The card says Rs. 10, but if members will collect *as much as they can*, it will be better. We have about 400 members, and if every member collects Rs. 10 it will only amount to about Rs. 4,000, and that is a small sum for what we want to do.

I hope the suggestions I have made will be of some use.

"The Coming of Baby," by Lucy E. Ashby and Kate Atherton L. Earp, is a little book written for those women who are so unfortunately placed through following their menfolk to far corners of the Empire, as to be without medical aid in the hour of their trial. The last chapter of the book contains useful hints to parents taking children abroad. There is much in the book which might be helpful to young mothers coming out to the East for the first time. Published by the Scientific Press, Ltd., 28 & 29, Southampton Street, Strand W. C. 2. Price two shillings net.
