

given a Matron who can teach, and Probationers who are capable of being taught, how is the standard of teaching to be kept up? and made uniform? How are we to make certain that the necessary things are taught? I think these questions suggest a very good work for some of our Nursing Schools or Associations. Just as in arts and sciences we have local examinations from Oxford, Cambridge, and for the St. Andrew's L.L.A. degree, so we might have in subjects for Nurses, Provincial Matrons would then have a standard to teach up to in preparing their Nurses, and the Nurses would have a certificate to work for. A better class of women would enter the small Hospitals, and the result would be, better work done, and a marked diminution in the number of second-rate Nurses.

At present, among the many inferior Nurses sent out by the small Hospitals, where the standard of work is not high, and where *finish* in work is lacking, there are certainly some who have from other sources these qualifications, perhaps girls who have been by their home-training taught the beauty of exactness in small things; and to such also it would be a great boon to have the better theoretical teaching, and to be able to gain from some central Board of Examiners that certificate of merit which the

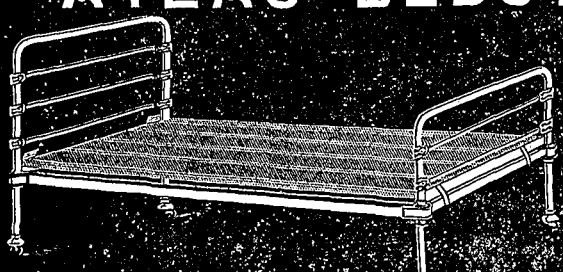
circumstances of their work prevent them having in any other way. Were such a plan adopted to be efficient, the examination would need to be on points both theoretical and practical—the latter might not be easy to organise, but would be of most special value.

Letters from Life.—No. 19.

Nursing Home,
Great Eastern Hospital.

MY DEAREST JEAN,—One afternoon last week, to my immense surprise, who should walk into the Ward but Marina, looking so deliciously *clean*. I don't know whether it was the squalor of Matthew Ward, with its unkempt *ensemble*, its half-washed patients, and its half-scrubbed floors; but never, never did the appearance of mortal man present such a soothing and satisfying sensation as the sight of Marina. He is to all appearance a most satisfactory person, so unobtrusive, and yet so impressive. I was flying round the Ward, duster in hand, attempting to restore something like order after the mid-day meal—and in anticipation of the Physician's visit—when the door opened, and there on the mat stood Marina and the

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JOHN SCOTT, Hon. Secretary.

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