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QUESTIONS FOR AUGUST.

- I.—What would be the advantages of State Registration of Nurses to the public?
 II.—How would you give a vapour bath?

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Comments and Replies.

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Miss W. M. Harding, Chippenham.—Many thanks for kind letter and enclosure. We shall have much pleasure in making use of it. From your letter, we feel sure your disappointment is a loss to the nursing world.

Miss Florence Bentley, London.—We know of no one who teaches massage so thoroughly as Dr. Fletcher Little, of 32, Harley Street. All the movements you mention are comprised in his curriculum. If you cannot afford this complete course, we should recommend you to apply to the

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Miss Alice Steele, London.—Continue to read the NURSING RECORD and *London*. A public meeting will be held shortly, which you can attend. The question of professional efficiency and control for nurses is a question in which the public are largely interested, as sooner or later the majority of persons require the services of a trained nurse. We are glad to hear of your appreciation of private nurses. If there was a little more give and take between the public and their nurses, we should not hear so much adverse criticism. The matrons and early members of the Royal British Nurses' Association associated themselves together to effect reform from within the profession. This is now being made impossible, so that the public must step in and help us to protect their interests, which are identical with our own. The public must demand legal status for the thoroughly trained nurse to protect themselves from the numbers of inefficient half-trained women who now prey upon the defenceless sick. No amount of sophistry upon the part of hospital officials and employers of nursing labour and others, will persuade us that a system of efficient education, followed by examination test, and legal registration, is not beneficial to professional women, as well as professional men. This disquietude in the nursing world is all part of the woman question, and must be faced and finally settled.

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