

condition of affairs. A General Nursing Council, empowered by the State to control the profession of nursing, would know how to deal with these nurse frauds, and it is a crying shame that with all our boasted civilization and the "glorious Constitution," of which we hear so much, both nurses and the sick public should still be at the absolute mercy of disreputable persons who belong to the criminal ranks, who without let or hindrance are permitted to ape the name and status of one of the highest vocations, filled by noble and devoted women. This condition of affairs is the direct result of having no vote.

It is interesting in this connection to note that a Bill has been read the second time in the "Lords" the purpose of which is to establish a system under which plumbers can, if they please, be registered. No privilege is given to registered plumbers, but a plumber is prohibited from calling himself a registered plumber or representing as such unless he is registered under the Bill. It will be necessary for a plumber to be qualified under a scheme approved by the Local Government Board before he is registered, and by this means persons employing plumbers will be enabled, if they desire to do so, to employ plumbers who have given evidence of their qualification for plumbers' work. The control of the registration system and the selection of qualifying examinations will be in the hands of a general council, constituted under a scheme to be framed by the Local Government Board, and consisting of members representing master and operative plumbers, local authorities, and various sanitary associations. Moral: *Plumbers have votes!*

### Miss Cureton's Resignation.

At the last meeting of the House Committee of Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, the resignation of Miss Cureton, the Matron, was received with sincere regret. To retain Miss Cureton's services the Committee, with their usual generosity, offered her prolonged leave of absence, but after twenty years' work as pupil and Matron of this charming hospital, Miss Cureton feels that she must retire from her onerous position. Whilst regretting her loss from their active ranks her colleagues will one and all wish her many years in which to enjoy the well-earned rest she deserves, and as a member and Vice-Chairman of the Matrons' Council it is to be hoped that she will be able to spare time to further its work, and give new generations of Matrons and Nurses the invaluable result of her ripe experience. Miss Cureton will leave Addenbrooke's in October.

### Nursing Echoes.

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It is to be regretted that the Nursing Societies of importance to which the Organizing Council of the British Congress on Tuberculosis extended courteous invitations, did not more generally avail themselves of the privilege of deputing a delegate to attend this valuable Conference. We note that the Registered Nurses' Society sent Mrs. Bedford Fenwick; The Matrons' Council, Miss Helen Todd, Matron of the National Sanatorium for Consumption at Bournemouth; and the Royal British Nurses' Association, Mrs. Coster. A few nurses attended on their own account, but we should have liked to have seen many more present. The Sessions were most instructive, and many of them most valuable to trained nurses.

We note also that Dr. Bezly-Thorne had himself appointed as a delegate from the R.B.N.A. Why? Surely if this hybrid Association must depute a medical man they could have selected one whose work is connected with the subject under discussion. And is it not rather *infra dig.* for medical men to represent nurses at a Medical Congress? We own it appears so to us. It is to be hoped, anyway, that Dr. Bezly-Thorne has not permitted the Nurses' Association to bear the cost of his delegation fee.

We hope the hot weather will not prevent our readers sending in their answers to this month's puzzle, which falls due this week.

At the recent annual meeting of the London School Nurses' Society, Miss Honnor Morten, the Hon. Secretary, read the report, which stated that the society had had the full service of three nurses, one half-time nurse, and one voluntary nurse during the past year. The number of schools visited regularly was sixty-three. The society needed £500 a year if nurses were to be supplied to the poorest schools. They ought to have at least eight nurses regularly at work. Dr. Shuttleworth, in moving the adoption of the report, said there had been many instances of the value of the nurses' work. The society sent qualified visiting nurses to the

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