

my scheme and that of Miss Twining, and it is absolutely incredible that Miss Twining could have led Dr. Toogood to think so.

I have before me as I write a printed form, dated September 23rd, 1901, from the editor of one of the great monthly magazines, in which the editor says that he "will have much pleasure in giving his earliest consideration to the article kindly proposed to him by Miss Louisa Twining on 'Nursing in Poor Law Infirmaries by Dr. Humphreys.'" No one would give an introduction to another person for the purpose of assisting him to publish an article which he has been robbed of.

I must therefore call upon Dr. Toogood to at once unconditionally withdraw his charge against me, and in order to afford him an opportunity of so doing I am sending him a copy of this letter in a registered envelope. I am also sending a copy to Miss Twining.

In his previous letter he made a charge against the Workhouse Infirmary Nursing Association which I asked him to withdraw. He has neither done this nor substantiated his statements, and he adds to his flagrant conduct by making fresh assertions in his last letter.

Let him withdraw his charges against the Association or substantiate them.

Faithfully yours,
F. R. HUMPHREYS.

27, Fellows Road, N.W.
October 6th, 1901.

NOTICE.

We regret that owing to extreme pressure upon our space other letters are unavoidably held over until next week.

Comments and Replies.

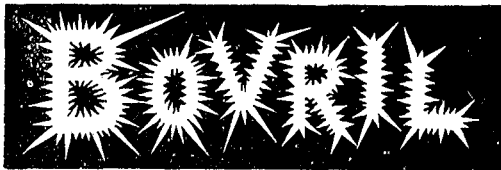
J. J. P. B., Oaken Gates.—We should advise you to apply to Gofton Salmond, Esq., Hon. Secretary, Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund, 73, Cheapside, E.C.

A Subscriber.—We are not acquainted with invention you mention.

Hospital Matron.—It is important in any plans for a new hospital that the thorough ventilation of the staircases and corridors should be insisted upon. In the suggestions made by the Medical Committee of University College Hospital to the architect of the new building stress was laid upon this point, and also upon the construction of the hospital so that it would be impossible for air to drift from one floor to another, or from one ward to another without first mixing with the outside air.

Nurse B. Lincoln.—Strychnine when administered in medicinal doses has a tonic action. A nurse must, however, be always watchful for constitutional symptoms, which are a feeling of restlessness, and slight trembling of the extremities. Severe symptoms are muscular twitchings and jerking of the limbs, slight stiffness of the jaw, and stricture of the throat and chest. If strychnine poisoning occurs, the symptoms resemble those of tetanus, including the characteristic "risus sardonicus." It must always be remembered that strychnine is culminative in its action, being excreted very slowly. It is given after food.

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