

flood of light on the male nursing question, and, of course, the injured wife, having escaped being murdered by her husband, now "earns her living by nursing"—the *derrière* resort, it would appear, of every woman who is untrained. We nurses must not forget that all this criminal mud sticks to us all as a profession—in the mind of the public. It is a shame that the big hospitals, for whom thousands of hard-working women have done yeoman service, should now be fighting us tooth and nail, and doing all in their power to prevent us getting a recognised legal status and protection from association and competition with some of the most disgraceful rogues of the time.

Yours truly,  
A TRAINED NURSE AND MASSEUSE.

#### A SCANDALOUS ATTACK.

To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."

DEAR MADAM,—The Chairman of the London Hospital pleads for toleration in ascribing mean motives to those so bitterly opposing State Registration of Nurses. It would be interesting to know what he thinks of the scandalous attack made by his colleague on the Hospital Council for London in his paper last week. I mean, of course, Sir Henry Burdett, who always tries to bully women who dare to judge for themselves. Do Mr. Holland and all those so-called gentlemen on this autocratic Council approve of women being stigmatised as "adventurers," who have lifelong splendid reputations for public work, such as the Misses Louisa and Flora Stevenson, Mrs. Garrett Fawcett, the Marchioness of Dufferin, Lady Helen Munro Ferguson, Lady Henry Somerset, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Miss Isla Stewart, Miss Huxley, Miss Amy Hughes; Miss S. Browne, the Matron-in-Chief of the Army Service; Miss Peter, the General Superintendent of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses; Miss Fisher, Miss Mollett, Miss Rogers, and hundreds of other deeply respected women who have had the courage to come out and support the nurses' cause on the State Registration question? If they do not approve, the sooner they insist upon Sir Henry Burdett curbing his libellous pen the better.

This Registration question has now developed into a struggle between the employers of unlimited and cheap nursing labour and the trained workers themselves. If the opposing Hospital Committees and their officials choose to grant our demands and help us to organise, peace may again reign; but any attempt to hand us over to an unsympathetic and autocratic bureaucracy of men and women, who move only because they are forced to do so, will result in a *débauché* worse than that which has befallen the medically-governed R.B.N.A. We mean to have a fair share of self-government, and shall appeal to Parliament till we get it.

#### ONE WHO WILL NOT BE BROWBEATEN.

[We have referred to this scandal in our Editorial remarks. As Sir Henry Burdett's vindictive persecution of persons who have incurred his displeasure is so well understood in nursing circles, Registrationists have only to treat his tirades with the contempt they deserve and little harm will be done. We nurses are not in the helpless position we were twenty years ago our colleagues all over the world are in sympathy with our aspirations, and we have now faithful organs in the press at home and abroad. Courage is our international watchword. Let us simply prove that we cannot be intimidated.—ED.]

#### CHEAP HOSPITALS.

To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."

DEAR MADAM,—I am able to report that a case of small-pox has been successfully nursed this year in an old saloon carriage placed in the Holbeach Union Workhouse Garden in Lincolnshire. The patient was discharged cured at the end of five weeks.

In Holbeach Urban District, one small-pox case has recently been nursed in a tent, in a pasture field, and discharged cured at the end of six weeks; and in Long Sutton Urban District three cases of small-pox have also been nursed in a tent placed in a pasture field, two of these cases have been discharged cured, and one case is still under canvas cured and will be sent away in a few days. The disease has not been spread by infection.

Yours truly,  
Holbeach, Lincolnshire. RICHARD P. MOSSOR.

### Comments and Replies.

*Enquirer.*—We think you would find "First Aid to the Injured," by Warwick and Tunstall, useful for your purpose. It is published by Messrs. J. Wright and Co., Bristol, price 2s. 6d.

*Traveller.*—It is now certain that the germs of the most important tropical diseases, such as malaria, yellow fever, and elephantiasis, are inoculated into human beings by the bites of mosquitoes. Malaria is carried by the *Anopheles*, whose larvæ are found mostly in shallow puddles on the ground, in small ponds, or in slow streams of water. They bite mostly at night. The kinds known as *Culex* convey yellow fever and elephantiasis. Their breeding-places are generally vessels of water, cisterns, and drains. They bite sometimes in the daytime and sometimes at night, according to the species. This knowledge has revolutionised tropical hygiene, and the desirability of mosquito-proof houses, and of mosquito nets as sanitary precautions as well as for reasons of personal comfort, has been abundantly proved.

*District Nurse.*—Read "Democracy and Social Ethics," by Miss Jane Addams, of Hull House, Chicago, published by the Macmillan Company, Ltd. You would find it very helpful. Also the final volume of Mr. Charles Booth's book "Life and Labour of the People in London" (Notes on Social Influences), by the same publisher, and "Britain's Next Campaign," by Julie Sutter, published by R. Brimley Johnson.

### Notices.

#### CONTRIBUTIONS.

The Editor will at all times be pleased to consider articles of a suitable nature for insertion in this journal—those on practical nursing are specially invited. The Editor will also be pleased to receive paragraphs, such as items of nursing news, results of nurses' examinations, new appointments, reports of hospital functions, also letters on questions of interest to nurses, and newspapers marked with reports of matters of professional interest.

Such communications must be duly authenticated with name and address, not necessarily for publication, but as evidence of good faith, and should be addressed to the Editor, 20, Upper Wimpole Street, London, W.

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