

and religion alike"; and, lastly, he considered "the heart of the English people . . . a sloppy sort of place"!

After reading all the sickly anti-Registration twaddle, how sloppy it all seems.

Yours,
A WAGE EARNER.

BACTERIOLOGY FOR PROBATIONERS.

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

MADAM,—Will you allow me to say that I was delighted with the letter on the impossibility of nurses having aseptic hands whilst they are doing rough ward work.

Whilst in hospital my hands were an agony to me. The more I washed them the worse they got. They were ingrained black in spite of all my efforts, and I was ashamed to hand a bandage to a doctor—even on a tray.

How many times have I been called away from Globe-polishing the lacquer handles to assist at a dressing! An hour's hard work would not have cleansed the stains, and I had but a few seconds. I felt worse than Lady Macbeth.

Yours faithfully,
Kingston, Taunton. E. L. C. EDEN.

COTTAGE HOSPITAL TRAINING.

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

DEAR MADAM,—Some time ago the training received in cottage hospitals was discussed in your columns, and anent this subject I quote a passage from a letter received by me this week from one of my nurses who had gone into the country to help a friend who was a district nurse. She says: "I can never tell you how thankful I was for the cottage hospital and your training; that of —" (mentioning a leading London training-school) "would not have been any good." Further on she says: "There was no doctor in the village, so they came to the nurse for everything." From what I know of the training received in large training-schools and in cottage hospitals, it seems to me that many a graduate of a large training-school might well spend six months or a year in a cottage hospital at the end of her training.

Yours faithfully,
AN EX-COTTAGE HOSPITAL MATRON.

THE EVOLUTION OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISM.

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

DEAR MADAM,—If every nurse were true to her cloth and refused to pay for so-called professional journals—the policy of which is necessarily based on commercial interest, and not on her interests at all—the damage done to her would speedily decrease. After all, it is the nurses' money which keeps "anti" organs afloat. If the nurses were loyal to their profession, these mischievous publications would speedily change their policy. Blame no one but the spiritless women who appear to enjoy insult and castigation. Here we are used to it; but one is surprised to read of American nurses supporting papers which smite them hip and thigh. After all, the squaw seems indigenous in every quarter of the globe.

C. J. N.

Comments and Replies.

Miss Sarah J. Bastard.—We regret that your communication re the Society for State Registration of Trained Nurses has been mislaid. Will you kindly write to us again.

Sister E.—Yes, certainly you can attend the meetings of the National Union of Women Workers at York. We should advise you to write to one of the Hon. Secretaries, Miss Aileen Boyd Mackay, the Red House, Bootham, York, and Miss Edith Sanderson, Gray's Court, York, for tickets and information. Conference tickets admitting to all the meetings cost 3s. 6d.; day tickets, 1s. 6d.; single tickets, 1s. Hygiene will be discussed on the first day (Tuesday, November 8th) at the morning, afternoon, and evening meetings.

Miss Johnson.—You can do much to prepare yourself for your future life as a nurse. Take every opportunity of studying household management, the care of linen, the best methods of cleaning various articles, &c. You will find such knowledge most useful. You should also pay attention to hygiene and sanitation, sick-room cookery, elementary anatomy and physiology, &c. A knowledge of these will help you much when you begin your nursing career. You might also usefully attend a course of first-aid lectures given in connection with St. John's Ambulance Association, if you have the opportunity.

Miss Ada Payne, Philadelphia.—We should advise you to ask the Outlook to advertise for you. As the journal will circulate amongst old subscribers, you will be most likely to obtain the copy you need in that way.

Miss James.—Experience in maternity nursing is most useful to a nurse, and we hope that the day will come when no nurse's training is considered complete without it. But it is advisable to take it after, not before, general training, which should form the basis upon which subsequent knowledge of special branches is built. The same principle, therefore, holds good in relation to training in a fever hospital. It should be taken up as a specialty by the trained nurse.

Notices.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE STATE REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

All those desirous of helping on the important movement of this Society to obtain a Bill providing for the legal registration of trained nurses will find an application form on page vii., or can obtain all information concerning the Society and its work from the Secretary, 431, Oxford Street, London, W.

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.

OUR PRIZE PUZZLE.

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