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#### TROPICAL DISEASES FROM A NURSING POINT OF VIEW.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I can confirm the testimony of the writer of the excellent article on the above subject in your issue of last week, that even apparently ordinary cases of illness give cause for constant anxiety to the tropical nurse. The sudden changes which occur are appalling, and give cause for ceaseless watchfulness.

I well call to mind a case which occurred in a tropical hospital soon after my arrival there. The patient was admitted with a temperature of about 100 deg., otherwise in no discomfort but, as it was her first attack of fever it was considered desirable that she should be under observation. For two days all went on well. She was kept in bed, but was allowed to write letters and read, and was given the routine treatment as to quinine. On the third day the temperature at 10 a.m. was 102 deg.; this was verified by its being taken a second time. The skin was dry, this being the only indication that things were not following an ordinary course. Later in the morning the doctor ordered a wet pack, this being given about 2 p.m. The patient remained in it for about two hours, taking nourishment—strong beef-tea, &c.—well. During this time, very little effect, however, was produced on the action of the skin. When she was taken out of the pack she expressed herself as quite comfortable, and ready to stay in it longer if thought desirable. A few minutes afterwards a change became apparent. The doctor, who was close at hand, was summoned at once, and came immediately, but she was barely conscious when he arrived, and never regained consciousness, dying in a few hours. The temperature went steadily up to 109 deg. The case may be of interest, as there was apparently no reason for any special anxiety on the admission of the patient to hospital. A very similar case also occurred subsequently in the same hospital.

I am, dear Madam,  
Yours faithfully,  
CAUTION.

#### NURSING ORGANISATION IN QUEENSLAND.

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

DEAR MADAM,—In your issue of June 3rd, in which you comment on Australasian Nursing Organisation, I note that you are evidently under some misapprehension with regard to Queensland.

You state that owing to the prevalence of dengue fever there, "nurses are at present unable to turn their attention to matters of organisation."

Some time previous to the dengue epidemic, the nurses here had organised—in fact, Queensland was the first State to ask for and obtain a Branch of the Australasian Trained Nurses' Association.

The only interference dengue was responsible for was that on one or two occasions the meetings of the Council had to be postponed, as a sufficient number of members could not be got together to form a quorum. To all intents and purposes our Branch Association is autonomous, and the members of its Council are *ex-officio* members of that of the parent Association.

No point would have been gained by Queensland following Victoria's example, and forming a separate organisation, as a basis of reciprocity would have had to be established; whereas as matters are at present, the standard is the same for New South Wales, South Australia, and Queensland, and members of the Australasian Trained Nurses' Association have the additional advantage of being able to interchange between these States, without paying more than one annual subscription.

Of course, here as elsewhere, the majority of thinking nurses realise that registration by the State is simply a question of time.

I must congratulate you, Madam, on the good work your Journal is doing for the advancement of the nursing profession. I watch with great interest the proceedings of the Select Committee of the House of Commons on Nursing.—I am, yours truly,

J. BELL.

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[The official report of the Council Meetings of the Australasian Trained Nurses' Association, published in its April Journal, contained the following note:—"We regret that owing to the general dislocation of business in Brisbane resulting from the severe outbreak of dengue fever, we are not able this month to supply any information as to the doings of the Queensland Branch." We have already noted, with pleasure, the formation of the Queensland Branch of the Australasian Trained Nurses' Association. Our reference was not to the organisation of nurses in Queensland as a whole, but to the temporary effect of the epidemic on the work of the Branch. We are obliged to our correspondent for her letter and for her kind appreciation of the work of this Journal.—Ed.]

#### ESPERANTO.

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

DEAR MADAM,—My sister, Miss Ada Wackrill, of Leamington, calls my attention to your remark, *sub Correspondence*, "As soon as the holidays are over, we will see what can be done about an Esperanto class, what it would cost, &c." She asks me to reply to you.

I presume you mean a class in London, and I write on this supposition. I shall be happy to consult with you on my return to London. I am a certificated teacher of Esperanto under the "Société Française pour la Propagation de l'Esperanto," a Fellow of the British Esperanto Association (13, Arundel Street, Strand), and a member of the Editorial Committee of the *British Esperantist* (monthly 1s. 6d., post free, per annum).

If you can find a place where classes can be held, the expenses will be slight. Either I or one of my colleagues can doubtless arrange to give the lessons

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