

differ from him, and think that the meddling of a few medicals is detrimental to the best interest of nurses, and that the sooner the nurses unite to frustrate knavish tricks the sooner will they be respected, instead of as now, taking the blame for the action of the disreputable.

Believe me, yours very truly,
Leckhampton CLARA LEE.

[Miss Lee will be pleased to note the number of certificated nurses coming forward to join the State Registration Society, thus making the Society more useful every day.—ED.]

"WHERE THE CARCASS IS."

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

DEAR MADAM,—Thank you for your sympathetic remarks about the death of my friend poor Catherine Cuddy, and do let me plead with the profession not to condemn her terrible act of suicide, as they know nothing of the circumstances which led up to it. The cruel and heartless remarks in Macmillan's paper that "she seems to have squandered health, substance, time, and then, when dark days came, her mental instability showed itself; without courage, without hope, without faith, she gave up the fight" should never have been penned and printed about one of our members, whose tragic death gives us all cause for grief. Nurse Cuddy was a woman of strong individuality, who in life squandered her health only, in that she gave of the best that was in her to the sick she attended; and of her substance much was given to others, and never returned. She was a strong proud woman, and to be offered a stone when she asked for bread was terribly bitter to her. Death seemed better to her than a half-starved old age. I do not want to excuse her rash act, but pity might at least be extended to a sad and lonely woman by papers professing to speak for her nursing sisters. Again thanking you for kind words, I remain,

A FRIEND OF THE DEAD.

WASHING INFECTED GARMENTS.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I have been very interested in Miss Todd's most helpful papers on "Some Practical Points on the Nursing of Phthisis," and it is perhaps too bad to ask for more from a busy Matron as Miss Todd must be.

I should, however, like to know what is considered the safest plan for the washing of linen and flannels worn by a patient. How are district nurses and others to advise on this important matter? I find that the people here are quite willing to have the bedroom disinfected after the death of a patient, and on several occasions, where I have done it for them, I have had everything I know to have been worn by the patient hung in the room and disinfected with formalin, then I tell them to boil all that will boil, the rest to be washed and everything to be exposed to plenty of sunlight and air. In some cases the bedding has been burnt, so great is the dread of infection.

This, however, does not touch the large amount of washing needed week by week for the patient, and I,

with others deeply interested in the subject, would be glad of advice.

There is a good deal of phthisis in this district, and as country people are slow to take up new ideas, it is difficult to make them see the necessity of pocket spittoons and the paper handkerchiefs, so that washing for these patients is a dangerous employment.

Yours truly, H. D.

Comments and Replies.

R. D. Newing, Esq., Hendon.—You would find the regulations of all the chief London and provincial training schools printed in the Nursing Directory, published at the offices of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, 11, Adam Street, Strand, price 5s. The names and addresses of the principal Poor Law Infirmarys are also given. It is a reliable book of reference for your purpose.

Staff Nurse.—Rashes after operations are not uncommon, genuine scarlet fever is comparatively rare. A septic rash may simulate scarlet fever, and desquamation often occurs. An enema rash may also present a very similar appearance.

Maternity Nurse.—Many varieties of binders are used, but in our opinion none is so good as the straight length of roller towelling which can be accurately pinned to fit the figure. Another advantage is that such binders can be easily and frequently washed, a consideration in the case of those fitted with elaborate buckles and straps, but, nevertheless, a most important item in regard to the health of the patient.

Public Spirit.—The International Woman Suffrage Alliance was founded in Berlin in 1904. The Hon. President is that veteran woman suffragist, Miss Susan B. Anthony, and the President, Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt. Its object is "To secure the enfranchisement of the women of all nations, and to unite the friends of Woman's Suffrage throughout the world in organised co-operation and fraternal helpfulness."

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 iv. of cover, or can obtain all information concerning the Society and its work from the Hon. Secretary, 431, Oxford Street, London, W.

Those nurses who are working on behalf of the above Society, and are endeavouring to spread knowledge as to its aims, may be glad to know that they can now obtain a Memorandum, giving briefly the reasons why Registration is necessary, from the Hon. Secretary, 431, Oxford Street, London, W. Price 6d. for 20 copies.

Those interested in the efficient organisation of nursing should procure the Annual Report of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses from the Hon. Secretary. Six copies, post free, 7d., or one copy 1½d. It gives a brief review of the history of State Registration.

OUR PRIZE PUZZLE.

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