

after test of ability, and not because the one promoted happens to be the next on the list. In this instance it had become an unwritten law that the Sister in question should take down the notes of the doctor's lectures and pass them on to the class, and one other nurse and I were thought bold beyond measure when we started, and firmly established our right to take our own.

Yours faithfully, STELLA.

THE TREATMENT OF TÆNIA.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I was very glad to read Dr. Kingston Fowler's article on the treatment of tænia in your Journal, as it has brought back to my mind a subject I frequently wished to write about.

Having trained at the Middlesex I have very vivid recollections of the treatment and of the search for the head in the folds of the black crepe.

Tapeworms are rarely met with in England, whereas in France and Syria they are very common. Whilst I was at Beyrout a Frenchwoman gave me several pots of a mixture which she used to get from a chemist in Marseilles. The patient took a light supper and on the following morning took the mixture in a breakfast cup full of "café au lait," and a few hours after passed the whole worm without a single break in it. This remedy I found to be as infallible as it was easy.

These pots were sold at 10 francs each (8s.), but the address of the chemist was never given, for commercial purposes. I have often wondered whether the woman would not tell the address for a certain sum. The boon is so great that it might well be worth while.

Yours faithfully,
E. R. WORTABET.

ASSAULTS ON NURSES.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I think everyone will agree that Mr. Bros did well in sending Joseph Fulham (classed as a clerk) to gaol, for the cowardly assault on a nurse at the Holborn Union Infirmary at Highgate. Neither is it surprising that the magistrate should have asked the medical superintendent if the man was in his right mind, to which the answer was, "Yes, but a bad-tempered man."

I have been an infirmary nurse some years, and I do think one of our great difficulties is having to do with violent-tempered and ill-mannered patients. These patients are in the infirmary by right, and they are often very rude and disagreeable to the nurses. It would do many hospital nurses good to have to acquire the self-control in the management of disagreeable people—as we infirmary nurses have to do—before they undertook private nursing.

Yours sincerely,
AN INFIRMARY NURSE.

"MURDEROUS MILLINERY."

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

DEAR MADAM,—With reference to the Queen's letter, in which she expressed her concurrence in the protest against the use of the aigrette as headgear, it

may perhaps have escaped the notice of the public that the Humanitarian League had previously drafted a Bill which would render illegal the sale and use of certain feathers as millinery, including those of the egret and bird of paradise.

Is it too much to hope that some Member of the present Parliament will take up the matter? Copies of the Bill can doubtless be obtained from the office of the League, 53, Chancery Lane, W.C.

Yours faithfully,
HUMANITARIAN.

Comments and Replies.

Traveller, Glasgow.—The British American Young Women's Christian Association have a comfortable establishment at Paris, at 5, Rue de Turin (near the Gare St. Lazare). It is centrally situated, and contains bedrooms, bath, salon, library, practice-room for music students, employment directory. Terms, with full board, from 20 to 40 francs per week.

Miss G. Mason, Manchester.—A private nurse in these days needs to be very highly-qualified indeed, and she must have one or two specialities at command, and should get experience in the nursing of infectious fevers, mental nursing, or massage, after leaving a general hospital, where practical experience in these branches cannot always be gained.

S. T., London.—The question now is not whether State Registration is necessary—that has been decided in the affirmative by many reliable authorities—but *how* it shall be carried out. Your case is a common one. If the Committee of a hospital opposes the organisation of trained nurses, it is not unnatural, though greatly to be regretted, that the paid officials preach an anti-Registration creed. Do try and *think* for yourself. The leading Matrons and nurses in the United States, Canada, Australasia, New Zealand, South Africa, Germany, to say nothing of England and Ireland, cannot have conspired with *mischievous intent* in forming opinions in favour of State Registration of Nurses and working untiringly for its accomplishment. Read the Anti-Registration evidence in the Blue Book, issued by the Select Committee of the House of Commons. If nothing else will convince you of the necessity for State Registration that evidence will do so.

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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