

Christian England. Surely the medical faculty might take a stronger stand in relation to it. If not we women must do so. Prudery in excelsis produces crime, for surely it is criminal to encourage the infection, and often the murder body and soul, of innocent human beings.

MATRON OF A LOCK HOSPITAL.

#### THE REASON FOR RESIGNATION.

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

DEAR MADAM,—Miss Forrest's reason for resigning membership of the Royal British Nurses' Association is a very sound one, and one all nurse members would do well to consider at this crisis. The matter is quite simple, the Honorary Officers have again betrayed the best interests of the nursing profession, in demanding in this year's Bill the personal and professional subjection of trained nurses to medical men. This has always been Dr. Bezly Thorne's policy, and the policy which has driven out of the Association the disinterested and most influential members. We have got to choose now, whether we intend to sell our birth-right for a mess of pottage by remaining members of the R.B.N.A. and supporting its policy with our money, or whether we are going to come out of the Association and add our influence to that of those who all along have fought against tyranny.

Every nurse who remains in, throws her weight be it great or little on the side of medical control, and every nurse who comes out tips that scale a wee bit up in the air. Miss Forrest has set us an excellent example all through this controversy, and we cannot do better than follow it.

NO LONGER A MEMBER.

#### INTERNATIONALISM IN NURSING.

The following letter has been received by the Organising Committee of the National Council of Nurses from Madame Alphen Salvador, Paris:—

Chère Mademoiselle,—Très touchée du bon souvenir que vous et les nurses de Berlin avez bien voulu me conserver, j'aurais très heureuse de pouvoir répondre à votre appel; mais l'Assemblée Générale du Conseil National des Femmes, me retient à Paris en ce moment.

J'espère l'année prochaine pouvoir me rendre à votre "Annuelle Conversazione" et renouer avec vous des relations dont j'ai gardé le meilleur souvenir.

Recevez, chère Mademoiselle, l'expression de mes sentiments de vrai sympathie.

G. ALPHEN SALVADOR.

[It is interesting in this connection to note that the foreign delegates who have been in Paris to attend the meetings of the International Council of Women, on Tuesday visited the Nurse Training School, in the Rue Amyot, the founder of which, Madame Alphen Salvador, showed the visitors over the establishment. Miss Wortabet has given our readers interesting information concerning this School. Next year the delegates to the Nursing Conference at Paris will no doubt be permitted to pay it a visit.—Ed.]

## Comments and Replies.

*Mack All.*—Thanks for article, which we have pleasure in accepting.

*Miss M. Lightbown, Blackburn.*—The address for which you ask is the Editor, *Midwives' Record*, 24, Coleridge Road, Crouch End, N. The price is 2d. a month or 2½d. post free.

*Traveller.*—In every case before accepting a post abroad it is most essential to have a written agreement stating clearly the terms of the engagement. Both for the nurse, and for the employer, whether an Association or an individual, this is most desirable.

*A Mother.*—An infant's clothing should be warm and light and easily adjusted; if these points are observed it is quite legitimate to adopt individual fancies. A little knitted woollen vest with long sleeves is now often substituted for the cambric shirt which formerly was universally used.

The ignorance of mothers in regard to the feeding of infants is appalling. Miss Armour, Lady Sanitary Inspector, Leith, lecturing on this subject, stated that though bottles were provided at the Leith Milk Depot containing the exact amount of food suitable for an infant for twenty-four hours, and most careful instructions given, these bottles were constantly returned with vestiges of tea, sugar, broken biscuits, etc., in them. The experience in Leith had been that few infants were fed entirely on the milk supplied from the Depot, as most mothers considered it quite insufficient. It was found, however, that only 10 per 1,000 of the children died whose mothers were faithful to the regulations, as against 120 per 1,000 of those who were not.

## Notices.

#### THE SOCIETY FOR THE STATE REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

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.

#### 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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