

by Mr. Howell, in your issue of April 18th.

As a woman who did not consider the Apothecaries' Society's Assistants' Certificate a sufficient qualification, but went on to qualify as a registered chemist and druggist, I shall be much obliged if you will permit me to make a few comments on Mr. Howell's letter.

(1) He states that the Apothecaries' Society's Assistants' Certificate is a legal qualification for the dispensing of medicines and poisons. It is a lamentable fact that there is no legal qualification for the dispensing of medicines and poisons. Anyone, even a doctor's coachman, may quite legally do so. The law only regulates the sale of poisons. (2) I do not see what right the Association, of which Mr. Howell is Secretary, has to its title.

Surely Association of Apothecaries' Assistants would be a better designation, since the certificate which its members hold only entitles them to act as assistants to Licentiates of the Apothecaries' Society.

(3) Although it is true that the Local Government Board considers the assistants' certificate sufficient, Mr. Howell does not tell us how many women are drawing the full pay of £180, nor does he explain that many persons with the assistants' certificate, holding posts in hospitals and infirmaries, only do so owing to the fact that their certificate has been confused, by those who elected them, with that held by Licentiates of the Apothecaries' Society.

Yours faithfully,

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Comments and Replies.

J. R. M.—We think the invention an ingenious one. If you decide to exhibit it you should first take out a patent, if you intend to do so, as after it has been exhibited you will be unable to patent it.

Edinburgh.—All the leading hospitals, both in London and the provinces, now maintain the three years' standard of training. Possibly as your sister cannot afford to spend three years she might enter a special hospital such as the Hospital for Women, Sparkhill, Birmingham, where the work and training are excellent in the subjects covered. At King's College Hospital, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C., the training is for three years, at the end of which time "the nurse and the Committee of Management are free from all obligation one to the other." The training at King's is excellent.

Ignoramus.—The Rules of the Central Midwives' Board may be obtained from Messrs. Spottiswoode and Co., Ltd., 64, Gracechurch Street, London, E.C., price, post free, 7d. You will see from these that to be admitted to the C.M.B. examination you must produce certificates that you have, under supervision satisfactory to the Board, attended not fewer than twenty labours and personally delivered the patient; also you must have attended twenty

lying-in women during the ten days following labour. It is important to study the rules carefully, as failure to comply with any one of them would disqualify you for the examination. The person signing the above certificates must be one approved by the Board for the purpose.

Notices.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE STATE REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

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.

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Whooping Cough Eased.

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