

not think that they can fail, on the first opportunity, to supplement their training in this most interesting and important branch of nursing.

I am, dear Madam,
Yours faithfully,
MATRON.

INFIRMARY NURSES AND REGISTRATION.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I do hope that I gather a wrong impression from the papers, that infirmary nurses would be divided from hospital trained nurses if registered. We ought all to submit to the same term of training and the same central examination. Then things would be more fair than they are at present. It would be fatal if the Local Government Board deprived us of competing with others.

Yours truly,

AN INFIRMARY NURSE.

[We quite agree with our correspondent that infirmary trained nurses will do well to claim to be examined by a Central Board on the same terms as general hospital nurses. Some Poor-law Infirmaries are much better equipped than the general hospital in the same vicinity.—Ed.]

A POLLUTED SOURCE OF WEALTH.

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

DEAR MADAM,—Clause 15 of the Children's Bill renders it an offence to allow young girls between the ages of seven and sixteen to reside in houses of ill fame. I am glad to see that, on the proposition of Mr. Herbert Samuel, who is in charge of the Bill, that the provision has been strengthened by young boys being also brought within its scope; and that the age of four has been substituted in Committee for that of seven. Only those who live amongst such surroundings realise how early little children are corrupted, and the punishment, if any, for this horrible demoralisation is always of a most lenient nature—at least, that is my experience as a woman Guardian. I was recently speaking to a highly esteemed woman of property, who keeps a very keen eye on her tenants. "Why are not people who permit houses of ill-fame to exist on their property punished for this offence against morality?" That is the question she put to me. Surely all the wealthy London landowners could prevent it if they interested themselves in the question. Personally, I should not enjoy wealth drawn from such a polluted source.

Yours truly,

A WOMAN GUARDIAN.

Comments and Replies.

District Nurse.—Presumably you do not apply the collodion aright. It is commonly used to seal a puncture wound, as after aspiration, and will not adhere if the spot is wet or bleeding. To obviate this, pinch up the skin, wipe it dry, apply the collodion, and continue the compression a minute or so until the collodion has begun to contract.

Sister S. G., Manchester.—It is not yet too late

to use your influence. Ultimately our Registration Bill must come before the House of Lords, and you should offer the result of your experience now. The voting on the Directory Bill proves that the majority of the members of the House of Lords do not intend to initiate legislation repugnant to the thoughtful members of our profession. It is no good leaving things to be "done by others." The "others" find this division of labour very unfair.

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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