

it is only of late years that women, and especially Nurses, have awoke to the fact that they have *public* duties; that they have no *right* to count their life, with its inevitable power of influence, as belonging entirely to themselves. Such a state of existence is impossible; no human being is so ignorant, so weak, so insignificant, that he fails to influence for good or evil those other human beings with whom he comes in contact. We hear the public remark, "my life is my own, I can do with it as I choose;" or, "a man's morals are his own;" or, "poor fellow, he is no one's enemy but his own." These remarks are not *true*. Your life belongs to your fellow-creatures; your morality brings grace or shame on your species; if you are an enemy to yourself, you are a curse to mankind. No one human being can space out his environment and fulfil the Law.

Miss S. J., London.—We should strongly advise you not to sign any contract which will disqualify you for Registration. At your age, it would be best to enter a General Hospital at once, and obtain a certificate. Private Nursing does not count as training, because the Board acts upon the principle that a Nurse should be thoroughly trained and experienced before she undertakes the very great responsibility of private Nursing. You have been misinformed if you were told that the Royal Charter confers no powers, and we fear, in a few years' time, you will deeply regret it if you fail to recognise the significance of the great movement which has been thus honoured by the Privy Council, and consider yourself a trained Nurse after one year's Probationership. Our advice to you is, to qualify in the most exacting school you can find.

Miss Grundy, Leeds.—We should advise you to procure "A Manual of Nursing, Medical and Surgical," by Dr. Lawrence Humphry. Chapter ix. deals with Disease in Children.

Sister Eva, Liverpool.—Emigration for Nurses is not an infallible panacea now-a-days. Note "Our Aus-

lian Letter" in this week's issue. America now largely supplies its own nursing needs, and in South Africa the standard is high, owing to the State Registration of Nurses. Your qualifications are excellent. You should find no difficulty in procuring constant employment if you get a permanent London address.

Miss Janet Brown, Retford.—We fear you will find great difficulty in obtaining the post of Sister in a London Hospital. Why not apply for the position of Charge Nurse at the Fountain Fever Hospital, Grove Road, Lower Tooting, S.W. The experience would prove invaluable.

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