

are entitled, by a just belief in their own sincerity, to accuse people (who cannot accept their peculiar interpretations of Scripture and civil rights) of sin.—I am, Madam, your obedient servant,
T. PAYNTER ALLEN,
Secretary Marriage Law Reform Association.

To the Editor of "the Nursing Record."

MADAM,—My first letter on this subject was not written for publication, but as you have thought it worth printing, and are so kind as to invite me to say more, I will send you a few reasons why such a Bill should not be passed. To churchwomen, the knowledge that such a union would not be a marriage in the sight of God, is sufficient to prevent such an idea being contemplated. But there are many others in England to be thought of. Some plead for the poor man, who cannot pay for housekeepers or governesses as his rich brother can. When a poor man loses his wife he can call upon his wife's sister to come to his aid—probably she is in his house already, having acted as Nurse to the wife—and she will remain at the helm as long as she is wanted. Should the sister-in-law become, by Act of Parliament, a possible wife, the poor man in his dire distress is deprived of the assistance she could give. Besides artisans there are many in the middle class who depend upon their sisters-in-law for the comfort of their homes, and the education of their children. It is notorious that the agitation for this change is kept up by a few rich men, who, having broken the law, wish to remove the consequences. But to give them relief are we to upset the happiness of thousands of families? The proposed measure has been well-named "An Act to Abolish Aunts." When we consider the part that maiden aunts play in England, the most utilitarian mind may well pause before voting for such an Act.—Yours faithfully,
SUSAN E. ANTROBUS.

14, Queen Square, W.C.
[Miss Antrobus addressed her first letter to "the Editor," and dissented from views expressed in our columns. It is our invariable rule to publish such letters.—ED.]

Comments and Replies.

Miss Hollings, Derby.—Apply to Miss Peter, Queen's Inspector, St. Katherine's Hospital, Regent's Park, W. We should strongly advise you to have a thoroughly trained Nurse, who could cope with an emergency of infectious disease such as you mention. We feel sure that sooner or later the system of placing almost entirely ignorant cottagers in charge of the sick in rural districts will prove a failure.

Miss Alder, Boston, U.S.A.—Thanks for your kind letter and enclosure. We are forwarding the pamphlet you require; it will give you an accurate report of the whole discussion. We feel sure an American Association such as you propose would prove of immense benefit in the States, where in a few years the "quack nurse" nuisance will make itself felt with the same disastrous results as in England. You will not suffer from the same difficulties which we had to overcome.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

- A. Miss Alder, Boston (with enclosure); Mr. T. Paynter Allen, London (with enclosure); Miss Susan Antrobus, London (with enclosure).
- B. Miss Burges, Birmingham (with enclosure).
- E. Miss Louisa East, London (with enclosure).
- F. Miss Farnshand, Dorchester.
- G. Mrs. Gordon, London (with enclosure).
- H. Miss Hollings, Derby; Miss Harvey, Rotherham.
- K. Miss Kirby, Bradford; Miss Knowles, Dougneal, N.B.
- L. Miss Lambert, Winchester (with enclosure).
- M. Miss Manners, Bedford; Mrs. Mayo, Cork (with enclosure); Miss Mollett, Southampton.
- P. Miss Peters, Hanover (with enclosure).
- R. Miss Ross, Cirencester; Mrs. Rose, London (with enclosure).
- W. Mrs. Warren, London (with enclosure).
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