

deavour to obtain pecuniary profit solely out of the labour of salaried medical officers."

I wish some of the gentlemen who so eagerly discussed this question were as keen to take up the "sweating" of Nurses exercised by those Hospitals which send out probationers and second year Nurses to private patients and reap the reward of their labours—often without giving the worker any "salary" at all. But perhaps we Nurses must work out our own salvation. After all, it comes better from us, and to this end we need conferences, congresses and annual parliaments.

I am, yours faithfully,
AN AMBITIOUS MEMBER OF THE NURSING PROFESSION.

Comments and Replies.

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

THE Hon. Superintendent of the Registered Nurses' Society desires to state that she cannot see candidates desirous of joining the Society during the month of August.

The Hon. Secretary desires to thank the Nurse visitors to the Nurses' Home of Rest at Brighton, who have kindly subscribed £5 to its funds, and which she has received through the Matron of the Home.

Masseuse.—It is rather difficult to answer your question as to "the first origin of Massage." It is an extremely ancient treatment and was well known to the Romans. It has also flourished in the East for very many centuries and has been found in one or other of its phases among the most widely differing races, and even among very primitive types of people. It is rather curious that it should have been found most in hot climates. One would have thought its value in

establishing a good circulation would have made it more acceptable to the peoples of frigid zones. Please do not apologise for "troubling us," we are always glad to hear from our readers and to give them any help we can.

A Woman Guardian.—We quite sympathise with you in your desire that the inmates of your workhouse and Infirmary should be supplied with books and newspapers. To encourage reading in a workhouse, at the same time that it elevates the tone of the inmates, has the effect also of preventing quarrelling and arguing over petty trifles. But, surely you are aware that the Guardians have the power to provide literature out of the rates? Of course where you can get books and papers contributed it is an advantage, as it saves the ratepayers' pockets. But by all means persevere in your endeavours to introduce some reading into the workhouse for which you as one of the Guardians are responsible. If you have difficulty in passing a vote for a sum to provide the reading, you might adopt the plan which has been carried out in connection with some Irish workhouses. In Ireland the Guardians are not allowed to spend one penny out of the rates for newspapers for the paupers. So in several places a box has been placed at the post-office or railway and contributions invited from all interested.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

- D. Miss Davis, Rhyl.
- E. Miss Earle, Northumberland (with enclosure).
- F. Mrs. Fairfax. Miss Fortune, Aberdeen.
- G. Mrs. Gordon, London (with enclosure).
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