

in the West Indies, and in India, where this tainted and destructive virus is still extensively imposed upon confiding races (who are without representative institutions), under severe and crushing penalties. Governor Robinson, of Trinidad, says:—"After fifteen years' residence in the West Indies, I can fully corroborate Dr. Rake's statement that leprosy is on the increase, and I am not surprised at it." That this disease is disseminated by inoculation is admitted by the most eminent dermatologists and physicians of our time, including Dr. John D. Hillis, Dr. W. T. Gairdner (Professor of Medicine in Glasgow University), Dr. Liveing, Dr. N. B. Emerson (of Honolulu), Dr. Edward Arning (who inoculated with leprosy the condemned prisoner Keanu), Dr. Armour Hansen (the discoverer of the *bacillus lepræ*), Dr. Bechtinger, Dr. Heidenstam (Medical Officer of Health, Cyprus), Dr. A. M. Brown, the late Sir Morell Mackenzie, and others. The terrible indictment as to the effects of the State-enforced prescription, contained in Mr. Tebb's volume of over 400 pp., has never been answered, and is, in point of fact, unanswerable.

It was owing probably to the incriminating facts presented by important witnesses before the Royal Commission on Vaccination as to the communication of leprosy and other disgusting and deadly diseases by vaccination, that the substitution of calf-lymph for arm-to-arm virus, and the abandonment of compulsion

to conscientious objectors, has been recommended in the final Report; and it is to be hoped that the Government will lose no further time, when Parliament re-assembles, in giving effect to these recommendations.

Yours faithfully,

9th September, 1897.

J.

Several letters discussing the question "Is Nursing Manly" are held over until next week.

Comments and Replies.

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We regret that by a printer's error it was stated in last week's issue that Miss Jeannette Stevens has been a Sister at the Children's Hospital, Pendlebury, for seven years. That lady has held the position for eleven years; an excellent example to the peripatetic nurse of to-day.

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