

houses, without the consent of the family in which they are going to nurse? for I feel sure if it is, it will be an additional reason for doing without a trained nurse. I think there ought to be some rule on the matter.

Yours truly,
S. M.

[We have expressed an opinion on this question in a previous issue. In our judgment, we think that a trained nurse should obtain the permission of the family in which she is going to nurse before taking her bicycle to a private house; the privilege would seldom be refused, but, of course, there are circumstances under which the machine might be found inconvenient. We truly sympathize about those muddy marks on the hall walls.—ED.]

Prize Questions:

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- II.—What do you understand by the Portal System?

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Comments and Replies.

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Sister A., Birmingham.—You will gather from Dr. Outterson Wood's letter to *Asylum News*, reprinted in our issue last week, that the hon. officers are only waiting for sanction for the revision of the bye-laws from the Privy Council, a revision which gives practically absolute power into the hands of the hon. officers, to subject the old and self-respecting members to the terrible injustice of placing men and women who are not trained upon their Register. We hope public opinion on this question will be widely aroused by every certificated member of the R.B.N.A. It is the most grossly unjust proposition—amongst many made by the present officials—and will, we have no doubt, do much to advance the question of legal registration of nurses. The public interests, much less those of trained nurses, are involved in this suggestion.

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