

me nothing derogatory in realising things as they are, and no careful hospital Sister will agree with Dr. Toogood that the opinions expressed in the RECORD on this question are "ridiculous," or that medical students have opportunities of perfecting themselves in much which would make them good all-round medical practitioners, ready and able to deal with many emergencies which are sure to arise in general practice. I know dozens of young medical men who have gratefully learnt much which is called "nursing" from an experienced Sister—and which, in her humble opinion, should be included in that curriculum for which they pay a high price. Dr. Toogood very truly says: "Nursing has been raised to its present powerful position by the devotion and self-sacrifice of its members, and by the sterling work which they have performed," and as nursing is essentially woman's work why should they not regularly teach it to medical students—the more sensible men would gladly take out a "nursing course." Dr. Toogood himself calls our work "the nursing branch of the medical profession." Why then are medical students to ignore this branch?

Yours truly,  
"AN OLD LONDON HOSPITAL SISTER."

### Comments and Replies.

*Certificated Nurse.*—The question of the State registration of nurses is one which concerns all graduate nurses, and you cannot escape your responsibility by ignoring it. Members of a profession have public as well as professional duties. They may neglect them, but the duties are plainly there. With regard to the desirability of State registration

for nurses, we may consider the effect of the compulsory registration of medical practitioners. No one will seriously say the prestige and the efficiency of the medical profession have not considerably increased with the compulsory registration of its members. In the first place a minimum standard of education has been defined; secondly, the public, by referring to the register, is able to find out who does and who does not possess this minimum qualification. Thirdly the medical profession can at once repudiate responsibility for the misdeeds of unregistered persons. Fourthly, ignorant and incompetent persons cannot pose as medical practitioners and recover the same fees as those who are qualified. These are all points which nearly touch nurses in their work. Why should not the means taken by medical men to protect their own interests and those of the public be found adequate and useful in relation to the nursing profession?

*Nurse Birch.*—Raw meat juice may be prepared as follows:—To one part of best rump steak finely minced, add one fourth the amount of cold water. Stir well together, and allow the beef to soak for half-an-hour, then place the whole in a piece of muslin or cambric, and forcibly express all the juice by firm twisting. The juice so expressed is a highly nutritious and nitrogenous food.

*Sister Agnes, London.*—"European Travel for Women," by Mary Cadwalader Jones, published by the Macmillan Co., is a pleasantly written handbook, full of useful information about the complications of travelling. Women travelling alone will find in it help in all their difficulties about luggage, hotels, railways, and foreign money, and it contains much sensible advice about sight-seeing, and a list of books, fiction, history, and descriptive travel, relating to the various countries of Europe.

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