

having left the grammar school, must prepare as soon as possible to support themselves—this is felt everywhere. For boys this provision is being made by public or endowed schools, but for girls it is hardly yet even attempted. The number of women who have to earn their own living in Philadelphia is estimated at a hundred thousand, and there is no reason to suppose that the proportion is larger there than in other cities. It is of no use to say that this fact is all wrong; that women are not naturally meant for self-support; that some man ought to be supporting them. If this imaginary man were at hand in each case it might be very convenient, although in practice it might turn that the supporting was on the other side. But if the man is not at hand, how is a woman helped to obtain food and lodging for tomorrow by the knowledge that he ought to be there? She is confronted, 'not by a theory, but by a situation.' What she needs is bread, and in order to obtain it she needs to be trained in something.

"AND not only the average condition of women, but their maximum of favourable condition, will be greatly helped by a more exact training. For women, even more than for men, the profitable positions are to be found higher up, and the vast mob of ignorant and underpaid women keep down the rates of all women's labour. The State Labour Commissioner of Maine, who has lately investigated through an agent the condition of women's wages in that State, reports that women are there occupied in fifty different pursuits, including those of artists, physicians and clergymen, but that the highest amount earned by any woman is 1,600 dollars a year. When we compare this income with that of the washer-woman it may seem relatively large, but when we consider the large number of men in Maine who must earn twice the amount or more, it gives a graphic illustration of the industrial disadvantages of women."

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### CORRESPONDENCE.

(Notes, Queries, &c.)

\* \* \* WHILST CORDIALLY INVITING COMMUNICATIONS UPON ALL SUBJECTS FOR THESE COLUMNS, WE WISH IT TO BE DISTINCTLY UNDERSTOOD THAT WE DO NOT IN ANY WAY HOLD OURSELVES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OPINIONS EXPRESSED BY CORRESPONDENTS.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—Through the means of your Journal I want to tell Nurses in the country that after Sept. 29 they can be accommodated with board and lodging when visit-

ing London, on applying to the Manager, 27, Percy Street, Tottenham Court Road. The situation is very central, near to the great omnibus routes and railway termini, and I am trying the experiment of taking a house to meet some of the wants of Nurses.

There will be rooms for Matrons as well if they like to come, and I hope that we can frame such charges as will make the concern a financial success.—Faithfully yours,

C. J. WOOD.

27, Percy Street, W.

September 12, 1889.

[We have much pleasure in giving publicity to the above, which may truly be said to supply a genuine long-felt want in the nursing world.—Ed.]

### GOLD MEDAL FRUIT ESSAY.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—I beg leave to notify to your readers that the prize of twenty-five guineas placed at the disposal of the Worshipful Company of Fruiterers by H. R. Williams, Esq. (past master), for an essay on profitable fruit-growing for cottagers and others with small holdings, and the gold medal provided by Dr. Hogg, the proprietor of the *Journal of Horticulture*, have been awarded to Mr. J. Wright, of 36, Alma Road, Wandsworth, the winner in the competition. Subjoined the report of the adjudicators.—Yours truly,

O. C. T. EAGLETON.

"Having carefully examined the fourteen essays submitted, we have unanimously selected that signed 'British Workman' for the award of the prize. This essay combines practical knowledge with literary ability, and complies with the conditions of the competition. A considerable proportion of the fourteen essays deserve commendation, and it is a matter of regret to us that we have only one prize at our command, where perhaps three or four might be worthily awarded. We would mention those signed 'Pomona,' 'Progression,' 'Jabez Chawley,' and 'Hope On,' as particularly meritorious, although not meeting with our entire approval in connection with the present reference.

"T. FRANCIS RIVERS.

"A. F. BARRON.

"SHIRLEY HIBBERD."

[We regret that pressure upon our space prevented this communication being inserted before.—Ed.]

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—As a Monthly Nurse I am naturally anxious to know what arrangements are to be made in regard to certificated Monthly Nurses and Registration. Shall we be allowed a place on the Register *simply as Monthly Nurses*, or will it be necessary for us to have Medical and Surgical training besides the usual course in a Lying-in Hospital before we are eligible for Registration?

This question is one which I feel sure many Monthly Nurses are anxious to have answered. I hope that room will be found on the Register for us as well as for our Medical and Surgical Sisters.—Sincerely yours,

A QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S NURSE.

[We would advise our correspondent, and the many others who have written to us in similar fashion, to apply direct to the Secretary of the British Nurses' Association, 8, Oxford Circus Avenue, London, W., for the varied information she and they desire.—Ed.]

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