

duty are exactly the same as quoted by Miss Lucy Rae in her letter of December 12th.

We are, dear Madam,
Yours faithfully,
EIGHT SISTERS.

Charing Cross Hospital,
Strand, W.C.,

To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."

DEAR MADAM,—As one who trained at Charing Cross Hospital, I should like to express my surprise and indignation at the reports that are current regarding the former off-duty hours, &c., of the Sisters and nurses of that institution. I was not aware, until I saw it in your Journal of the 5th inst., that "formerly not only Sisters, but nurses and probationers also, were allowed, besides leave until 10.30 on other evenings, leave until 11.30 p.m. once a week." Certainly that was not the case during the three years and three months that I was there. No Sister or nurse was allowed to be out after 8 p.m., unless she had special permission from the Lady Superintendent, and that was only granted occasionally.

I have always considered that Charing Cross Hospital nurses could hold their own with those of any of the other London training-schools, and the fact that they hold good appointments all over the kingdom testifies, I think, to the efficiency of their training-school as regards both nursing and discipline.

Apologising for taking up so much of your valuable space,

I am, yours faithfully,
J. MCKENON, Matron.

Chalmers Hospital,
Banff, N.B.

[We referred at length to this question last week, and regret that, owing to want of space, these two letters were held over. This correspondence must now cease.—Ed.]

A CHANCE FOR NURSE-PHOTOGRAPHERS.

To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."

DEAR MADAM,—“Hints for Nurse-Photographers.”—In your issue of December 19th you had an article on photography, and it occurred to us that some of your readers who are interested in photography might like to avail themselves of the Free Portrait Enlargement scheme which is in force in connection with our Fluid Beef, “Oxo,” during the present winter. The offer extends to any subject not specially copyrighted, so that they can obtain free enlargements of their own portraits, or of those of their friends, or of any other subject specially dear to them. The enlargements are carefully executed by one of the most renowned art photographers in London, and measure 15 in. by 12 in., mounted on beautiful pearl-grey plate-sunk mount, measuring 23 in. by 19 in., framed in rich, dark, solid oak, lined with gold slip. We shall be happy to send full particulars to any lady writing to “Oxo,” Portrait Office, 4, Lloyd’s Avenue, E.C.

Yours faithfully,

J. MALTWOOD,
For Liebig’s Extract of Meat Co., Ltd.

Miss Isabel Sherlock acknowledges with many thanks the cheque for £1 1s. received as the prize in the puzzle competition for November.

Erratum.

In printing the Draft Bill for the Registration of Trained Nurses in last week’s issue we regret that, in paragraph 8, Section 11, I. (d) was referred to. The reference should read Section 12, I. (d).

Last Words for 1903.

The last words for the present year are words of hope for the future. The past year has been one of great importance to the nursing profession. It has emphasised the necessity for consolidating our forces, and it has shown us that, slowly as the awakening has come, nurses are beginning to understand that they are not discharging their obligations by merely fulfilling the daily round conscientiously. To do this is much, but it is not enough. We cannot belong to a great body of workers without having a duty to those with whom we are associated.

It is incumbent upon us to leave our profession, as a whole, better than we found it. And the way is plain. Devoted women in the past have effected reform and organisation within the training-schools. The majority of these are, as a result, working on an efficient basis, but outside the schools the organisation of the profession at large is in a chaotic condition. Here is the need, and therefore the opportunity, of to-day. If we rise to our opportunities it seems almost impossible to set a limit to the far-reaching influence for the good of our profession, and of the community at large, which may be effected by this generation of nurses by strong united action. If we shoulder the responsibilities which lie around us, all will be well, provided we are true to ourselves, to the dictates of conscience, and loyal to one another.

Notices.

THE NURSES’ REGISTRATION BILL.

This Bill, in pamphlet form, can now be procured, with or without the annotations, price 2½d., post free, from the Hon. Secretary, 20, Upper Wimpole St., London, W.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

The Editor will at all times be pleased to consider articles of a suitable nature for insertion in this journal—those on practical nursing are specially invited. The Editor will also be pleased to receive paragraphs, such as items of nursing news, results of nurses’ examinations, new appointments, reports of hospital functions, also letters on questions of interest to nurses, and newspapers marked with reports of matters of professional interest.

Such communications must be duly authenticated with name and address, not necessarily for publication, but as evidence of good faith, and should be addressed to the Editor, 20, Upper Wimpole Street, London, W.

OUR PRIZE PUZZLE.

Rules for competing for the Pictorial Puzzle Prize will be found on Advertisement page VIII.