

Service for India would no doubt do something to differentiate the trained from the untrained, and, consequently, to raise the status of the trained nurse, but, in relation to private nursing, it must not be forgotten that the efficiency of the service will depend to a large extent upon the public. Nursing, at all times an arduous occupation, becomes increasingly so in the tropics. A nurse's physical health is tried to the uttermost in the performance of her duty to her patient in a heavy case. English people realise the necessity for much more personal attendance in India than at home, and a nurse, being but human, is entitled to the same. Moreover, as native labour is so cheap there is no reason for depriving her of the assistance which will unquestionably add to the efficiency of her skilled services. A private nursing co-operation, organised on the lines of self-governing associations at home, in which the nurses had a voice in determining their conditions of service, would do much to popularise private nursing work in India.—I am, dear Madam, Yours truly, EQUATOR.

PAUPER SERVICE IN INFIRMARIES.

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

DEAR MADAM,—The Colchester Guardians are not the only Board who consider anything good enough for a "nuss." As a Superintendent Nurse I was for months served by an inmate to be near whom was a great olfactory offence. I did most of own menial work in consequence, and could not eat any food she touched. Complaint to the Master was of no avail, and I resigned rather than have this degraded woman about me.—Yours truly,

ONE WHO DISAPPROVES OF THE POOR LAWS.

[We once had tea with a nurse in an infirmary, waited upon by a so-called able-bodied pauper; having used finger and thumb as a *mouchoir* with great dexterity, she proceeded to butter a tea-cake! We had to swallow that cake or appear discourteous. We commend this painful incident to the consideration of the Colchester Guardians.—Ed.]

AN OLD OFFENDER.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I have seen no notice in the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING of a so-called sanatorium at Sandgate, in Kent, run by a man called John James Jones. Is it permissible to warn Boards of Guardians against this place? At a meeting of the Gainsborough Board of Guardians a little time ago some extraordinary statements were made by one of the Board's relieving officers, who had removed home a consumptive young woman who had been sent by the Board to a sanatorium at Sandgate, at a cost of £1 1s. per week. The girl complained chiefly of the meat, butter, and eggs, and the small bedroom, which she occupied with three other patients. The officer found that American beef and New Zealand mutton were supplied by contract; that Mr. John James Jones, the sole proprietor of the sanatorium in Sandgate, bought Danish eggs to make up the deficiency in the supply from his own farm; that there were no grounds whatever, and that the only "open-air" treatment the patients derived was in the public streets and on the beach. The girl's bedroom overlooked the back yard (which contained about three square yards); and the tablecloths, after being used

on the tables, were sometimes used as bed sheets. Is it right that poor sick people should be inveigled into such dens?—Yours, &c., E. S.

[All this points to the need, often urged in these columns, for the inspection and registration of institutions undertaking the care of the sick. It is a matter to which County and Borough Councils might well turn their attention.—Ed.]

THE ORIGIN OF CANCER.

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

MADAM,—Will you kindly allow me to point out that, supposing Drs. Cohnheim and Thiersch were right in their diagnosis of the cause of cancer, it would not help us in the least. We could not remove it. I think, however, that Carlo Carillo, in his recent work on the subject, published by Swan Sonnenschein, is nearer the truth. He traces the cause to the food. Dr. Keith, of Edinburgh, in his "Plea for a Simpler Life," does the same. Dr. Rabagliati, of Bradford, follows in his wake. There are many others, too. Would it not be better if the "researchers" worked a little on their lines?—Your obedient servant,

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Comments and Replies.

Nurse, Preston.—Messrs. W. H. Bailey and Son, 38, Oxford Street, W., supply the special bag used by the Nurses of the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute, and would, no doubt, supply you with estimate on application.

Certificated Nurse.—Mrs. Palmer's address is now 56, Westminster Mansions, Great Smith Street, Westminster. You would get excellent instruction in massage at her classes.

Notices.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE STATE REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

All those desirous of helping on the important movement of this Society to obtain a Bill providing for the legal registration of trained nurses will find an application form on page vii., or can obtain all information concerning the Society and its work from the Hon. Secretary, 20, Upper Wimpole Street, London, W.

THE NURSES' REGISTRATION BILL.

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

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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.

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