

the present anomalous condition of the nursing profession. How do they propose to enable the public to distinguish between the genuine skilled nurse who has spent years of her life in learning every detail of her profession, and the ignorant untrained person who at present competes with her?

Yours faithfully,

A MEMBER OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE
STATE REGISTRATION OF NURSES.

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

DEAR MADAM,—At this crisis in the history of the Registration movement I would asked trained nurses to remember the following words of the great Emerson: "If you act, you show character; if you sit still, you show it. You think because you have spoken nothing when others spoke, and have given no opinion on the times, that your verdict is still expected with curiosity—as a reserved wisdom. Far otherwise; your silence answers very loud. You have no oracle to utter, and your fellow-men have learned that you cannot help them." Let us be up and doing, plead earnestly to the law-givers of our land, and prove that we are worthy of their protection.—Yours,

C. S. T.

THE DUBLIN UNIVERSITY MISSION.

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

DEAR MADAM,—Will you allow us through the medium of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING to lay before your Irish readers a very urgent need and a wide sphere of usefulness at present existing in the district assigned to the Dublin University Mission to Chhota Nagpur, India, working under the S.P.G.? One of the distinctive features of the Mission has been the medical work carried on from its commencement in 1902. There are at present three hospitals under the care of medical missionaries and the nurses of the staff. But two of the latter have resigned within the past few months, and a reinforcement is essential. It is hoped to open a hospital for women—a sore need—if the Committee can secure the services of a doctor as well as a fully-trained nurse.

We know there are many Irish ladies at present studying in England for the medical and nursing professions, some of whom doubtless are doing so with the intention of dedicating their talents to missionary medical work.

We desire most earnestly to ask them to consider the claims of this Mission, so closely linked with their own country, and, if free to do so, to volunteer for the work in this special part of the mission field. All information will be gladly given to any lady who desires to know further particulars.

I remain, dear Madam,

Faithfully yours,

(Miss) MARY E. POOLE.

Hon. Sec. Ladies' Auxiliary, Dublin University
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KING EDWARD'S HOSPITAL FUND FOR LONDON.

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

MADAM,—The President, His Royal the Prince of Wales, in his speech at Marlborough House on March 8th last, announced that a large sum, estimated to produce £4,600 a year, had been promised by a

friend, if a further sum of double that amount were obtained by the end of this year, in order to raise the annual income of this Fund from investments and other permanent sources to £50,000 a year.

The object of the anonymous donor is to enable the Council to make their distributions to the hospitals without again drawing upon reserves as last year, when the sum of £18,751 9s. was thus reluctantly appropriated to complete the grants.

We have great pleasure in stating that we have already received from "G. W. C." a donation of £1,000 towards this object, besides a legacy of £10,000 from Mr. F. S. Massy Dawson, the executor of the late Mr. Richard Hawkins Beauchamp, which we propose devoting to the same purpose.

We therefore venture to make this appeal in the hope that the requisite sum will be provided during the present year to enable this munificent offer to be secured.

We shall be glad to give further information to any who desire it, and ask that all communications may be addressed either to myself or to the Honorary Secretaries of King Edward's Hospital Fund for London, 81, Cheapside, E.C.

I am, Madam,

Your obedient servant,

HUGH C. SMITH

(Chairman of the Executive Committee).

81, Cheapside, E.C.

Comments and Replies.

Enquirer.—Apply to the Matron-in-Chief, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, War Office, 68, Victoria Street, S.W.

Miss H. G. B., Nottingham.—The electric drop light about which you make inquiries is in constant use in hospitals in America in the manner described. We think any good firm of electricians would be able to arrange it for you.

Miss James.—All professions and trades need journals devoted to their special interests in which questions affecting them can be discussed from an expert standpoint, and in which they can themselves express their views upon their own affairs. A profession without a voice in the Press is like a man without a right hand. It is satisfactory that nurses are increasingly feeling this need; witness the crop of League Journals which have of late made their appearance, and which, mainly devoted to the news of one school, serve as a pleasant link between its members, and afford an opportunity for bringing before the subscribers subjects of wider interest.

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.

OUR PRIZE PUZZLE.

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

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