

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

DEAR MADAM,—I have just seen in this morning's paper a short *résumé* of the report issued by the Select Committee on the Registration of Nurses. Until one has the opportunity of reading the Report in full it is, of course, out of the question to say anything in the way of criticism as to its details, but from the shortened account it would appear that the Committee has been convinced of the advisability of State Registration, and has signified its approval of every important principle for which we have been contending.

May I be allowed to congratulate you most heartily on this most authoritative vindication of the policy which your Journal has always so consistently upheld in the face of such powerful and organised opposition, and to once more express an acknowledgment of the great debt which the nursing profession owes you for the unflinching interest and the unfailing energy which you have always shown in all that tends to its welfare.

Yours faithfully,

HELEN TODD.

Member of the Executive Committee of the Society for Promoting the State Registration of Nurses.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND MISSION TO HOP-PICKERS.

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

DEAR MADAM,—You have kindly given our work in past years your valued support by drawing the attention of your readers to it. We shall be most grateful if you will do so in an early issue of your paper this year, as we have applications for twenty nurses and over thirty lady helpers in some twenty-eight parishes in Kent this season, where in all probability from 40 to 50,000 immigrant pickers will be located. Our lady helpers, who give their services, often at the sacrifice of a holiday, receive their board and lodging free of cost, with travelling expenses. The nurse's work lies in temporary hospitals, or in visiting the different encampments where sick cases are found, treating maternity cases, binding up wounds, and burns. Of these there are always a number of cases generally among the children. Hospitals and union infirmaries are often from five to eight miles distant from the hop garden encampments, therefore, the nurse's help is most beneficent, and it is also impossible for the local medical man to attend to the vast number of cases which such an influx of population of necessity causes. Will any of your readers who are moved to aid in this self-sacrificing and most helpful work, communicate at once with Miss Harvey, 265, Vauxhall Bridge Road, London, who is good enough to aid in arranging this part of our work. I shall be grateful for parcels of old linen, illustrated papers, &c., which I distribute to the various centres, and I need hardly add, subscriptions. Again assuring you of our gratitude for your sympathy and kind assistance,

Believe me, very faithfully yours,

FRANCIS G. OLIPHANT,

Hon. Sec. and Rector of Teston.

Teston Rectory, Maidstone.

[We hope this most deserving appeal will not be made in vain to the ever kind readers of this Journal; if we were not quite so tired we should like to go and help the good work ourselves.—Ed.]

REPORTS OF CASES.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I should like to congratulate "A. M. S.," whoever she may be, upon the publica-

tion of the most interesting case which appeared on July 22nd. I am a district nurse, and only wish I could report my interesting cases in a like manner. Such reports are most instructive, and I do hope "A. M. S." will let us have some more.

Yours truly,

QUEEN'S NURSE.

DEAR MADAM,—I wonder how it is that nurses are so diffident in helping others by the publication of the nursing notes of interesting cases. I was greatly pleased with "A Case of Puerperal Septicæmia, occasioned by a Fœtus Papyraceus in Utero." Well-educated nurses are taking notes all the time. Why don't they hand them on through your admirable Journal? Such articles are just what nurses need.

Yours sincerely,

C. V.

[We are always trying to encourage nurses to write on nursing—the practical care of the sick. They can do it well if they choose, and clear reports of nursing details are very educative. The article in question elicited inquiries from the Südtirol, which proves how widespread is the interest in *nursing subjects*, as apart from *professional questions*. We would have every nurse interested in both.—Ed.]

BROWSING FROM THE LEAVES OF LIFE.

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

DEAR MADAM,—If "browsing" produces writers like "Anne," let us hope that those who have indulged in the pastime will give us the benefit of their experience. Personally, I want more of "Anne." I distinctly remember when a child wearing a mauve Marie Stewart aërophane bonnet (they must have been the fashion), a Royal blue foulard frock, pink silk stockings, and very high buttoned bronze boots, "all from Paris." It sounds an appalling costume, but it was really very smart, and created a flutter in the Fen district where I was visiting.

How well I remember a horrid, teasing, uncouth cousin threatening to push me into a dyke from which we were gathering forget-me-nots, large, lovely ones, "just to take the shine off," and, how prompted by vanity, I pleaded permission to divest myself of my finery before being "ducked!"

Ultimately, the only thing which suffered, thanks to my parasol, was his Sunday hat and his temper.

Yours,

A LITTLE FRENCH HEN.

[We think browsing from the Leaves of Life a very instructive pastime.—Ed.]

DARLING LAZINESS.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I have during the week been enjoying *A House of Letters*, in which there are some delightful letters from Charles Lamb; in one, he complains that no one will believe in his plea of bad health. "No one can tell how ill I am because it does not come out to the exterior of my face, but lies in my skull, deep and invisible. I wish that I was leprous and black jaundiced skin over, and that all was as well within as my cursed looks."

And then he cries out, it seems, in a very loud voice just what all nurses feel towards the end of July after eleven months' work in a great city:—

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