

be more or less marked as they are controlled or indulged, but the tendency is always there. Take, again, the descendants of the drunkard with deranged nervous systems exhibiting itself in various ways. One member of a family may be an epileptic, another a mental degenerate, another may have a passionate temper. If any of these in moments of mental aberration commit some crime, where should the blame primarily be fixed? It is true Society cannot allow those dangerous to the public safety to be at large, but many so-called criminals should surely rather be regarded as in need of treatment and protection rather than punishment.

Yours faithfully,
 TRAINED NURSE.

THE PERVERSITY OF HUMAN NATURE.
To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."
 DEAR MADAM,—I felt just that way when I read the intimidating articles. I also made up my mind to Paris I would go at all costs, and moreover, persuade every friend I have who pays for Burdett's organ, and thus supplies the funds to enable him to insult honest women, to cease doing so.
 Yours truly,
 A LATE MATRON.
 [That is common sense.—Ed.]

NO TIME FOR LEGISLATION FOR WOMEN
To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."
 DEAR MADAM,—I am sorry to see in his Parliamentary reports that the Prime Minister has stated that there is not an hour's time in which the Government can deal with any more Bills this Session, beyond those in hand, so presumably Nurses' Registration has no chance this year. The truth is, nothing will be done to better the condition of working women until they have the vote—the only lever by which to raise interest in their affairs. This being so, may I appeal through your Journal to advise trained nurses to do everything in their power to help to get the Parliamentary vote for women.
 Yours truly,
 MARY E. JENKINS,
 Trained Nurse.

THE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE NURSE
To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."
 DEAR MADAM,—What can be done to make trained nurses alive to social conditions? I have been an invalid for long—and lived with several private nurses. With one exception, I found them extraordinarily narrow in outlook. Many were quite kind, but so uninteresting as companions. One nurse told me the whole time she was training she never had time to read a newspaper. When she worked in a male ward she heard bits of news from the patients, but when on duty in a female ward she did without, as women don't buy papers. Then the Matron did not approve of nursing papers, as they "put ideas into the nurses' heads." So they were not provided in the sitting room. As I got well I was so bored with the dullness of trained nurses that

I had as companion a woman of the world. Is there no remedy for this state of things?
 Yours, etc.,

"A CHRONIC."

[We think our correspondent has been unlucky in her nurses. All the same, there is a certain amount of truth in her complaint. The remedy is to quicken human sympathy, by social intercourse, sound reading, and travel, by all of which means a good Matron encourages the pupil nurses.—Ed.]

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