

wick, Hon. Secretary, Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, as follows:—

"That the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland desires respectfully to draw the attention of the Home Secretary to the evidence given at the trial of Mrs. Christina Alexandra Gordon Stuart Price before Commissioner E. Tindall Atkinson, K.C., at the Nottingham and Notts. Assizes on Wednesday, 13th inst., in which it was proved that the prisoner had, upon numerous occasions, obtained access into private houses as a trained nurse after periods of imprisonment for fraud and larceny; and to the terms in which his Lordship passed sentence on her:— "You are an accomplished swindler. That is the history of you, and the sentence of the Court is that you be sent to imprisonment for two years with hard labour." The Matrons' Council urges upon the Home Secretary the imperative necessity for the introduction by the Government next session of a Bill providing for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, to protect the sick public from exploitation by unscrupulous criminals acting as trained nurses."

3. Papers: "The Equality of Rich and Poor in Sickness: The Relation of Cottage Nurses to the Nursing Profession."

4. The Place of Trained Nursing in Prisons.

5. The Organisation of a Nurses' Defence Union. Trained Nurses interested in these questions will be admitted to the Conference.

Opening of Conference, 2.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m.

November 22.—Princess Henry of Battenberg attends a concert in aid of the funds of the North-Eastern Hospital for Children, Æolian Hall, 3 p.m.

November 23.—Nurses' Missionary League. Miss Rogers "At-home," 9, Ashburnham Mansions, Chelsea, S.W., 3—5.30 p.m.

November 25.—Lecture on Babies. I., "The Normal Infant," by Dr. T. N. Kelynack. The Infants' Hospital, Vincent Square, S.W., 5 p.m.

November 26.—Nurses' Missionary League. Lecture for Hospital Nurses, 67, Guildford Street, W.C. "The Gift of Influence," by Mrs. Ashley Carus-Wilson, B.A., 10.30 to 11.30 a.m.

November 26 and 27.—Bazaar in aid of the Funds of the East London Hospital for Children, Shadwell, E., Hyde Park Hotel. Opened by the Duchess of Portland and Princess Louise Augusta of Schleswig-Holstein.

November 27.—Post Graduate Lecture, "The Place of Diet when treating Disease," II. By Dr. W. Russell, Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, 5 p.m. All trained nurses cordially invited.

November 28.—The Women's Local Government Society. Meeting at 16, Carlton House Terrace, W., by kind permission of Lady Pearson, "The Qualification of Women Act," and how to take advantage of it. Lady Strachey will preside. Tea, 4 p.m.; meeting, 4.30 p.m.

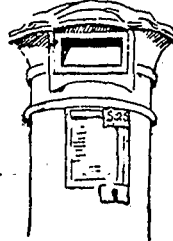
A WORD FOR THE WEEK.

The man who is great of soul is one who counts himself worthy, being worthy of great things.

DANTE.

Letters to the Editor.

NOTES, QUERIES, &c.



Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not IN ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.

SURFACE NURSING.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I think a "Paying Pro." deserves thanks for drawing attention to the question of surface nursing in our training-school wards. It is by no means as carefully done as it might be. The health depends greatly on clean teeth, and in sickness the mouth requires constant care, so that more attention might be given to these details. Of course the morning rush of work is the real reason why nurses have seldom the time to give sufficient care to the person of patients, although of late years things have much improved. Teeth are not cleaned systematically in this hospital.

Yours truly,

S. C. M.

TEETH AND TUMBLERS.

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

DEAR MADAM,—When a "Paying Pro." has gained a little experience of hospital life she will learn how ridiculous is her suggestion that arrangements should be made in hospital wards for patients to clean their teeth, and that tumblers and tooth-powder should be provided. The large majority of patients who enter hospitals have never been in the habit of cleaning their teeth, and would be highly indignant if requested to do so. And then, how would it be possible for busy nurses to find time to run round with thirty tumblers at the busiest time of the day? The suggestion is absurd. I wish "A Paying Pro" had been present and seen the expression of humorous contempt on the face of one of my patients—a navy—and the gleam of his golden fangs, when I suggested the plan to him last week. You know their rough wit. "Hi, Jimmy!" he cried to a comrade, "bring us the polishing brush and a bucket; nuss wishes me to de a bit of la-de-da. Two pound o' rump steak's the best tooth preserver I know." The truth is that the majority of patients have very few teeth left to clean, and those who have place them carefully in their lockers for a night's rest.

Yours truly,

A PRACTICAL WORKER.

[We are of opinion that our correspondent has not said the last word on this question. We should like to hear more.—Ed.]

WHY NOT THE GIBLETS?

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

DEAR MADAM,—I was greatly interested in your review of Dr. Harrison's book on "Mo-

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