

other day. It would have been a two, or perhaps a three, days' job, but I felt two guineas and her board and washing for two days was too much, so I did the fomentations and bandaging to the knee myself.

A nurse would have made a guinea (for I would have gladly paid that for half a week)—and I should have been saved the extra work. The nurse and I both lost by the present arrangement.

ANOTHER SUFFERER.

[We think fomentations and simple bandaging should be done by a member of the family, or even a maid. Why should the expense of a trained nurse be incurred for so simple a bit of nursing? A little less golf and gadding, and more attention to home duties by women would, in our opinion, be very efficacious in these days.—Ed.]

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

DEAR MADAM,—I wish to thank "A Co-op. Nurse" for her letter in last week's Journal, which is concise and to the point. I am a Co-op. Nurse myself, and echo all her sentiments. I know from experience that daily fees do not pay.

There may be exceptions, but these are few and far between, and I think "A Co-op. Nurse" has put the matter in a very fair light.

I am, yours sincerely,

ANOTHER CO-OP. NURSE.

WOMEN PHARMACISTS.

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

DEAR MADAM,—My attention has just been called to a letter in your next issue of March 21st, under the above heading, and I beg your permission to reply thereto.

The writer is evidently unaware that the Assistant's Certificate of the Society of Apothecaries, London, is a legal qualification for the dispensing of medicines and poisons, and under certain conditions for the sale of them also. It is also the oldest qualification of any for the above mentioned purposes, and has nothing to do with the Pharmaceutical Society.

This certificate is recognised by the Local Government Board for all their dispenserships, the full pay being £180 a year, and I may add that the last two vacancies in this service were both filled by assistants holding this qualification only. The governing bodies of hospitals (special and general), infirmaries, and public dispensaries also accept it in most cases, and in some special instances will have no other.

As I happen to be the Hon. Secretary to the Association of Certificated Dispensers, consisting of some 250 members, I am in a position to state that a considerable proportion of them hold first class posts in these services throughout London and the provinces, a fact I am prepared to prove to anyone who cares to come and examine my Register. This entirely disproves the false statements made in the letter, and which appears to me to be written with the object of touting for the Pharmaceutical Society, and is further tinged with a considerable amount of jealousy for which women are so famous. The candidates who go up for this ex-

amination are largely drawn from the cultured classes, and therefore possess the necessary educational standard for the work, and work that women are destined to play a very important part in, in the future. It may also be safely assumed that no authority would appoint any holder of our certificate to any post in their gift, unless they were convinced of their fitness to fill it.

I am, dear Madam,

Yours very truly,

ALBERT HOWELL.

The Dalston Dispensary, N.E.

Comments and Replies.

Correspondent, Bayswater Road.—Kindly send full address in connection with letter sent for publication. We are holding it over awaiting this information.

Private Nurse.—The Nurse's Cycle, supplied by the Harris Cycle Co., Ltd., can be seen in the Nurses' Saloon at Messrs. Garrould's, 150, Edgware Road, as this firm, so much in touch with the requirements of nurses, are so pleased with the cycle that they now keep it on view.

Superintendent.—Hall's Distemper is an admirable material for the walls of the wards of private nursing homes. It may be obtained in 70 shades, and when first applied is a thorough disinfectant. It, moreover, has the advantage of being entirely free from the smell of paint. A sample shade card is obtainable from Sissons Brothers and Co., Ltd., Hull.

Notices.

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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.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE STATE REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

Those interested in the efficient organisation of nursing should procure the Annual Report of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses from the Hon. Secretary. Six copies, post free, 7d., or one copy 1½d. It gives a brief review of the history of State Registration.

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