

Registration, and all that it means for the up-lifting of nursing, and the protection of the defenceless sick. The "London" is a large place, and the whole staff very busily engaged. We read but little there, and took no interest in nursing beyond our own wards, and until I came out into the world and realised the present unjust conditions, the lack of standards, and the constant tendency to depreciation all over the country in private and district nursing, I never thought about the matter. For years these anti-registration "Letters" have been issued from the inner sanctum of the nursing department of the London Hospital, and are calculated to mislead. Indeed, the fact that Mr. Holland had helped to draft the Directory Bill was all apparently that the nurses trained at the London need to know. It was never submitted for their consideration, and if it had been I doubt if they could have grasped its insidious and demoralising effect once it had become law.

The truth is that by acquiescing in the anti-registration "obsession" of the Matron and the Chairman of the London Hospital, "Londoners" are failing in their duty to the profession at large.

A LATE LONDON HOSPITAL SISTER.

#### TO SAVE THE BIRDS.

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

DEAR MADAM,—It is sincerely to be hoped that the Select Committee, to which Lord Avebury's "Importation of Plumage Prohibition Bill" has been referred by the House of Lords, will realise the need of prompt as well as stringent legislation if whole species of beautiful birds are to be saved from destruction.

It has been suggested that foreign Governments should first be consulted. If other countries are willing to assist us by taking joint action, so much the better; but such official communications are apt to be dilatory, and meantime the insensate slaughter will go on. There is no reason why this country should not at once legislate for herself, and thus set a much-needed example which is likely to be followed elsewhere.

For many years the Humanitarian League has been calling attention to this matter, and has long had in circulation a Bill similar in principle to that which has recently been read a second time in the Upper House.

I am, yours faithfully,

JOSEPH COLLINSON.

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#### Comments and Replies.

*Maternity Nurse.*—The corset concerning which you enquire is supplied by the *Æsthetic New Inner-Stay Corset Company*, 156, Regent Street, London, W. The special advantage of it is the regulating abdominal inner stay, which can be extended or reduced at will.

*Provincial Matron.*—Applications for tickets for the Complimentary Dinner to Miss Isla Stewart

should be made as soon as possible to the Dinner Secretary, Mrs. Walter Spencer, 35, Brook Street, Grosvenor Square, W., as there is only a limited number of seats.

*Enquirer.*—The training in the nursing of babies given at the Infants' Hospital, Vincent Square, S.W., is most valuable, and would be a good preparation for any girl before entering a general hospital. The nursing of infants is a most important branch of nursing knowledge, and can best be learnt in an institution of this kind.

*Superintendent.*—The Gas-heated Circulators are supplied by the Gas Light and Coke Company, Horseferry Road, S.W., and are a very convenient, and it is claimed also economical, method of obtaining a hot water supply. The value of gas as a means of cooking, and of ensuring an adequate hot water supply is becoming increasingly appreciated.

#### Notices.

##### CONTRIBUTIONS.

The Editor will at all times be pleased to consider articles of a suitable nature for insertion in this Journal—those on practical nursing are specially invited. The Editor will be pleased to receive paragraphs, such as items of nursing news, results of nurses' examinations, new appointments, reports of hospital functions, also letters on questions of interest to nurses, and newspapers marked with reports of matters of professional interest.

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.

All those desirous of helping on the important movement of this Society to obtain an Act providing for the Legal Registration of Trained Nurses can obtain all information concerning the Society and its work from the Hon. Secretary, 431, Oxford Street, London, W.

Those nurses who are working on behalf of the above Society, and are endeavouring to spread knowledge as to its aims, may be glad to know that they can now obtain a Memorandum, giving briefly the reasons why Registration is necessary, from the Hon. Secretary, 431, Oxford Street, London, W. Price 6d. for 20 copies.

##### OUR PUZZLE COMPETITION.

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

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