

## PEAKS OF PREJUDICE.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I hope the fact of our Registration Bill, having found such a grand champion as Lord Ampthill, who in so short a time has got it through its second reading in the House of Lords, will not encourage the members of the State Society to relax their efforts one whit. Many are the peaks of prejudice that we have overcome in the 20 years of strenuous work for this reform, but as many of these prejudices are indigenous to the British temperament we must count on un-reasoning opposition to the end, and we must each do our very best to counteract it. Wherever the system of nurse training is absolute—and indeed most of these male-managed nurse training schools are a law unto themselves—the committee and officials are antagonistic to State organisation of nursing. Indeed, I heard a hospital governor exclaim the other day that "the whole agitation is very impertinent, and the scrubbers will be prating about legal status next." Also "that unless hospital managers had discretionary powers over their servants (that's us) the hospitals would have to be shut up." Of course this is an extreme case, but something of that spirit of intolerance is around, and we have a right to politely request that the State should keep it within bounds. As at present trained nurses are neither "fish, flesh, fowl, or good red herring," and no laws stand on the Statute Book concerning them, it is high time Parliament dealt with their affairs—quite as much for the protection of sick people as for that of their nurses.

Yours truly,

C. S. T.

## VIVE L'ENTENTE CORDIALE.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I have attended several nursing functions of late, notably the gathering at the Guildhall, where the Corporation of London awoke to the fact that one Florence Nightingale did magnificent work for the nation half a century ago. Nothing could be more pathetic than the fact that when at last the Corporation realised her genius, Miss Nightingale was verging on ninety, and was physically incapacitated from attending at the Guildhall to receive the Freedom of the City.

Again, I was one of the happy two hundred present at Miss Isla Stewart's Banquet last week, and enjoyed the moment when M. André Mesureur presented her with the beautiful special medal bestowed by the *Assistance Publique*—a department of the Municipality of Paris—in recognition of her thirty years' work for the profession of nursing, twenty-one of which have been spent as Matron of St. Bartholomew's Hospital in the City of London. May she live, in active work, for many a day. No doubt, in our ripe old age, we may hope that the Corporation of the City of London will follow the inspiring example of the Municipality of Paris, and give some recognition to her splendid labours for the sick within its borders. Until which time, *Vive l'entente cordiale!*

A MEMBER OF THE BARTS' LEAGUE.

## Comments and Replies.

*Housekeeper.*—For cleaning ordinary sponge baths, and also for many painted surfaces, whitening is excellent mixed into a paste and used in the place of soap. It must be well washed off afterwards.

*Miss Evans, Wolverhampton.*—The "Celerio" hot-water bottle is supplied by J. B. Brooks and Co., Ltd., Great Charles Street, Birmingham. One of its advantages is that there is no screw stopper to lose.

*Maternity Nurse.*—It is a mistake to apply an infant's binder at all tightly. Many evils may arise from such a practice.

## Notices.

## OUR HOLIDAY PRIZE.

A Prize of Three Guineas will be awarded this month towards a summer holiday, and the name of the winner will be announced in our issue of August 1st.

All those who compete for this prize must send in twelve coupons—three from each week's issue, dated from 4th to 25th July—under the usual regulations, to be found on Page xii.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE STATE REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

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.

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.

## 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.

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