

ing from bronchitis, or I should certainly not have ordered a bath on my own responsibility. I did not notice any cough, expectoration, or bad breathing at any time, and when I agreed with the other nurses on the Monday morning that he ought to have a bath I knew of no reason to suspect any danger whatever. His physical condition seemed to me to be as strong as when he entered the Infirmary two days before, and his temperature was quite normal (98 degs.) as it was on his admission. The Master, and, from his evidence, his wife, the Superintendent Nurse also, knew of the man's condition at 11 p.m. on the Sunday. At no time did I receive any instructions from anyone as to the treatment this man was to receive. All I was told was that he required rest.

It is not for me to blame anyone, but I certainly do feel that but for the cruel way in which the Coroner, who is also the Clerk to the Guardians and Clerk to the Justices, dealt with me at the inquest, I should never have been made the scapegoat, and made to suffer in mind, as I have in a way no one can imagine who has not had to defend herself against such a charge as that of manslaughter. How I should have fared had I not met with the Rev. Mr. Aste, of St. Luke's, Battersea, who has done so much for me, I do not know. But I do hope you will allow me to express my deepest gratitude to all those who have by their help enabled me to prove that the charge against me was groundless.

Yours truly,
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To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."

DEAR EDITOR,—I am sending my small donation towards the defence fund for Nurse Bellamy. It is most necessary for the sake of the public that in matters of this kind, where there are accusations of negligence, that full enquiries should be made. In this instance Nurse Bellamy, though called a nurse, was not fully trained, and yet is now apparently held entirely responsible for the sad occurrences reported from that Infirmary. I hope that through the publicity of the press a sufficient sum will be collected so that she will be able to meet the necessary legal expenses.

Yours very truly,
ELEANOR C. BARTON.

Chelsea Infirmary, S.W.

[Reference to Nurse Bellamy's legal defence fund will be found on page 405.—Ed.]

REGISTRATION CONTROVERSY IN SCOTLAND
To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."

DEAR MADAM,—As one of the Executive Committee in connection with the State Registration of Nurses in Scotland, I cannot allow your remarks *re* above to pass unchallenged.

If you read carefully the latter portion of the pamphlet referred to in your statement you must admit that after all is said there is little real difference in our demands and those contained in Lord Amphill's Bill—excepting the fundamental principle of local control of the work of registration.

There is, of course, one other difference, which is not an unreasonable one, on which Scottish nurses as a whole are agreed—viz., the charge of five guineas for examination and registration is out of all proportion to most nurses' salaries, and ought to be resisted tooth and nail. I can see no hope of the passing of any one Bill unless these minor differences can be adjusted, and for my part I fail to see why there should be any difficulty in granting these concessions, which can only make the work of registration more simple and workable.

Scottish Nurses are agreed that there can be no further concessions on their part, and if the promoters of Lord Amphill's measure are really in earnest, in trying to avoid inflicting unnecessary hardship on the profession over the border, they must fall in line with our aims and aspirations in this respect. With regard to an examining body, why cannot the system in use by the Medico-Psychological Association be adopted? It has stood the test of years, and for harmonious working arrangements cannot be beaten.

Yours faithfully,

ROBERT DONALDSON.

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[We advise our correspondent to "read carefully" the registration literature contained in this Journal for the past twenty-one years, and to read up the subject in the nursing and medical press in the United States, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, Cape Colony, Natal, Transvaal, Germany, Holland, Belgium, Denmark, Egypt, and Cuba, and acquaint himself with the contents of the thirty Acts already in force for Nurses' Registration throughout the world; after which course of study we shall be pleased to discuss the matter in detail with him, as our knowledge of the question will be on more equal terms.—Ed.]

Letters of Miss E. A. Stevenson, *Fair Play, A. C.*, *A Shepherd of Black Sheep*, and a *Grateful Nurse* are held over till next week.

Comments and Replies.

Provincial Matron.—Messrs. W. H. Bailey and Son, 38, Oxford Street, London, W., have an excellent selection of midwives' bags. We should advise you to inspect them before purchasing.

Notices.

Will our readers kindly notice that communications for the *Editor* should be addressed to her at the editorial office, 20, Upper Wimpole Street, London, W. If sent to 11, Adam Street, Strand, they are delayed a post, and consequently may arrive too late for insertion.

OUR PUZZLE PRIZE.

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