

signed for such work, being developed out of the playrooms of one-time day nursery.

Still more unsuitable and inadequate is the accommodation for the nursing staff, as those to whom I write will know, while that of the household staff is frankly intolerable.

In view of the great difficulty of raising the funds for the new In-patients' Department, the Committee recognise the impossibility of at present attempting to deal with the out-patients and nurses' quarters. But feeling so sure within myself that all those who have formerly worked here in co-operation with those here to-day would like themselves to raise the funds for the new Nurses' Home and Out-patients' Halls, I have undertaken, with the sanction of the Committee, to endeavour to raise a fund of one million pennies for this purpose through the united efforts of the past and present medical, surgical, and nursing staffs of the hospital.

Erstwhile residents, matrons, sisters, and nurses, will you to-day think very lovingly of the little hospital in which you once laboured, and will you help me in every way you can to raise this sum of One Million Pennies. If you will kindly write to me at your earliest convenience we shall quickly get into touch with each other, and very soon have the gladness of seeing the new building arise whose foundation stone shall bear testimony that it was erected as the love offering of the past and present staffs of the Institution.

I should feel so honoured if all the nurses who have been associated with me during my nursing career would help me as well. If each one would only send a few pennies, how quickly the million would be realised!

Earnestly looking forward to a warm-hearted response, and to a co-operating re-union with many old hospital friends,

Believe me,

Yours very truly,

KATE L. RAY, *Matron.*

St. Mary's Hospital for Women and Children,  
Plaistow, E.

#### NURSING IN INDIA.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I thank you for the notice of the Nurses' Club, which appeared in the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING. I have been a subscriber to your paper for some time, and read with deep interest the accounts of the International Congress of Nurses, held in London in July. I hope at the next Congress we nurses in India will be able to send a representative. I wish you all success in your efforts to raise the standard of education for nurses, and hope that India will also some day—not in the distant future—have the one portal system, and that the hospitals in Calcutta will also be recognised as training schools such as St. George's, in Bombay. I think that nurses who go through their three years in a hospital out here are quite as capable as nurses trained at home; and more so as regards nursing diseases peculiar to the country. The difficulty is to find a better class of women, though there are many within the last few years who are gentlewomen who have

entered the hospitals here; and I hope many more will follow. There is no doubt that to a nurse who loves her profession there is no better training school than the hospitals in Calcutta. I mean those which take in both European and Indian patients, and I daresay many of our fellow workers at home would give much to see the cases we have out here, as we would to see the operations done in the hospitals at home.

I am, dear Madam,

Yours faithfully,

E. B. MOORE,

*Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.*

Professional Nurses' Club, 12, Kyd Street,  
Calcutta.

[There are so many earnest women devoting themselves to the improvement of nursing in India, and we are glad to know encouraging those belonging to the Empire of India to work for their own country, that great progress in the near future is inevitable. We heartily second the hope that the Trained Nurses' Association will affiliate with the International Council of Nurses and take an active part in the Triennial Congress at Cologne in 1912.—Ed.]

#### THE L.C.C. AND PUBLIC SLAUGHTER-HOUSES

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

MADAM,—In a short time the London County Council Elections will be at hand, and we sincerely hope that humane persons of all parties will then insist that the urgent need for public slaughter-houses shall be forced on the attention of candidates. The record of the out-going Council on this matter is a very bad one; for in spite of the fact that the Public Health Committee, as long ago as 1899, had reported strongly in favour of substituting public abattoirs for private slaughter-houses, the Council has allowed the question to be shelved year after year in deference to the hostility of the butchering trade. We would urge, therefore, that at the coming elections all voters should do their best to exact pledges from the candidates that they will vote for this important measure, and will not permit private interests permanently to thwart the course which the public conscience knows to be the right one.

Yours, etc.,

ERNEST BELL,

Chairman.

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### Comments and Replies.

*E. R., Brondesbury.*—Miss L. L. Dock, Hon. Secretary, International Council of Nurses, is shortly bringing out a book on venereal diseases. We think it would be very suitable for the purpose you mention.

### Notices.

#### OUR PUZZLE PRIZE.

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

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