

my confidence in the generosity of those to whom I apply will again be fully justified.—Yours truly,

FRANCIS OF TEOK,

Chairman of the Weekly Board of Governors.
The Middlesex Hospital, W.

[We heartily congratulate His Serene Highness on the splendid response to his appeal—ED.]

FROM THE INSIDE.

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

DEAR MADAM,—It is not only the Hull Sanatorium, if seen from the inside, would prove how insufficient is the teaching of nurses in provincial fever hospitals, and it is only within recent years that the large Metropolitan fever hospitals have improved in this respect. Little, however, will be done in the country "from the inside." I agree with a "Trained Nurse" that what is required is a definite curriculum, and expert inspection. The Hull City Council may sit for ever making inquiries and little good will result. The nursing profession requires an educational authority with the force of the law behind it, and until we get a Nursing Act in working order these scandals will recur and recur. It is time the nursing monopoly by a few skilful financiers was thoroughly exposed. For a quarter of a century they have stood between the sick public and safe nursing, and deprived the nurses of this country not only of an adequate professional education, but of just reward of their labour. Hospitals are no longer purely charitable institutions, they are widely advertised business concerns, with medical and nursing schools attached, and require organising as such. Because women work in institutions where sick people are admitted is no reason why they should be at the absolute mercy of the people who employ them, with no law of any kind on the Statute Book concerning them. Surely nurses are human beings! In my opinion no class of workers require outside protection more than nurses. The Matron at the Hull Sanatorium is the scapegoat of a thoroughly disorganised system of hospital management, and the anti-registration nursing monopolists who conduct many of our largest hospitals, with their official agents, are to blame. I have worked at Hull and I have been in worse places.

SUPPOSED TO BE TRAINED.

MIDWIFERY WORK AT THE CAMA HOSPITAL.

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

MADAM,—I cannot write the unwritable things we all think of the treatment of Bart's Nurses by Bart's Governors. It seems as if the Crown ought to be approached to deliver the whole army of three years' trained nurses from such an unjustifiable indignity—unjustifiable because of the many Bart's nurses capable of holding the post of Matron, possessing as they all do the now all the world over recognised minimum certificate of three years' training. Even in India, where nursing has been at such a low ebb, we are not satisfied with a shorter period of training.

But my few words this mail are not for Bart's sake, for words fail me, but simply, in case it may interest you and my fellow readers, to tell what midwifery work out here is

like. On August 31st I had in the lying-in wards of Allbless Hospital, of 30 beds, three Casarians, two very difficult forceps, one of which was an eclampsia, with fits both before and after, the child still-born and stinking, a placenta prævia (breech), and the most dreadful harelip and cleft palate I have ever seen.

We have also had in August craniotomies, another breech, and a transverse presentation with spontaneous evolution, the patient being normally delivered without any help whatsoever. I think this constitutes something of a record.

Yours sincerely,

S. GRACE TINDALL,

Matron of Cama and Allbless Hospitals, and
Lady Superintendent of Nurses.

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Private Nurse.—Washing a dog is not a nurse's duty within the strict letter of the law, but if your patient is so devoted to her little canine friend, and asks you to wash it, certainly do so. It is much easier than washing a baby. Plenty of warm soap and water—and lysol. Rub the "Pom's" coat with sulphur powder. "Love me love my dog!"

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