

may I wish you all good things for Christmas and the coming year?

Yours truly,

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PLEASE HELP NURSING IN NORWAY.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I am venturing to write to you because I know you take an interest in nursing all over the world, and I hope you will excuse me troubling you. I was at the Congress in London last year, where we got so many inspiring thoughts, and all the time since we have been trying to realise some of them.

We train nurses for work in the country. The National Committee for Tuberculosis is now wanting to give them special lectures on "How to Prevent Consumption" and on "Hygiene." We are not quite sure of how we are going to arrange these, and that is why I am writing to you.

Perhaps you would kindly forward my letter to a Matron of District Nurses, or you might be able to send me some syllabus. May I ask some questions:

(1) Is the three years hospital nurse obliged to have some special training in order to become a district, factory, or school nurse? If so, would you kindly send me the syllabus?

(2) I believe I have heard about nurses giving hygiene lectures in the district. Have you got any syllabus?

(3) Have you any pamphlets for distribution to the public on prevention of consumption and cleanliness? If so, may I ask you to send them?

I feel quite sorry to give you so much trouble, but I do not know anybody else to whom I can write. It would be a very great pleasure to me if I were able to render you any service.

With many thanks for your answer,

I am, dear Madam, yours faithfully,

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[1] The Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute requires nurses to have six months' special practical and theoretical training in a District Nurses' Home, followed by examination, before they are accepted as Queen's Nurses. (2) So far we are not aware of any nurses having taken up special work in factories in this country. Miss Delano, Office of Surgeon-General, U.S.A., Washington, D.C., who read the paper on the Factory Nurse at the International Congress of Nurses, might be able to give some information on this point. (3) Special training is not compulsory for School Nurses so far, but useful special courses have been established by the Royal Sanitary Institute, 90, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W., for Health Visitors and School Nurses and on School Hygiene, and by the Royal Institute of Public Health, 37, Russell Square, London, W.C., followed by an examination. The National Association for the Prevention of Consumption, 20, Hanover Square, London, W., publishes some useful literature and leaflets; also the Women's Imperial Health Association of Great

Britain, 3, Princes Street, Hanover Square, London, W., also the Women's National Health Association of Ireland, communications to which should be addressed to the Secretary of the Association, Vice-regal Lodge, Dublin. Perhaps some of our readers will communicate with our correspondent.—Ed.]

WOMEN INSPECTORS OF LUNATICS.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I note with much pleasure that the Blackrock Urban Council has been urging the appointment of women inspectors of lunatics and women members of Asylum Committees. It is only right that these afflicted people should have the benefit of supervision by women as well as men, and the only wonder is that this has not been arranged for long ago. Women should be appointed on all committees which supervise institutions; they are much more conversant with the details which need inspection than men. What man, for instance, sees the thousand and one things which need attention in his own home, and if he does not see them there why should his eyes be keener in an institution?

Further, it is only due to women patients that they should be able to speak of their troubles—real or imaginary—to members of their own sex. It is a far greater necessity than that men patients should have access to male members of a committee, for men will not unfrequently turn to women for sympathy and understanding, but what woman will willingly speak openly to a man about many matters which she desires rectified. We know that she would often prefer her wrongs to remain unrighted if their rectification involves detailing them to one of the opposite sex. Again, it is wrong that there should be no woman on a committee whom the large female staff employed in asylums can approach. I think also that the necessity of appointing women as well as men as Visitors-in-Lunacy should be represented to the Lord Chancellor.

I am, dear Madam,

Yours faithfully,

MATRON.

Comments and Replies.

Private Nurse, Wolverhampton.—A very pleasant and useful mouth wash is Listerine, which also has antiseptic properties, and is commendable for this reason. Few of those who have once used it would willingly be without it.

Questioner, London.—It is a mistake for a baby's binder to be applied too tightly. The main use of a binder is to keep the dressing on the cord in position. When the cord separates the flannel binder may still be applied for the purpose of keeping the abdomen warm, but the same object can be achieved by a warm Shetland vest.

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