

of the General Committee are, but Miss Mollett is one, and she is a nurse of distinction, and we all know her to have an intellect of no mean order, so there are three reasons at once why she should have been given opportunity for expressing her views. But primarily, it was out of order not to give ample opportunity for discussion.

I was not present at this meeting, but I was at the one held some weeks ago at Grosvenor House, and the same irregularity occurred then. I endorse Miss Mollett's views, which are very much what I expressed myself in this Journal not very long ago.

By all means let us have two memorials. A statue, of course, not cheap, that would be a dishonour to the memory of one who gave so freely and unremittingly of the riches of her giant intellect. And, since Florence Nightingale was, before all things, an educationalist, let the second memorial assume an educational form; and why not—as you have suggested previously—a College of Nursing? It would wake up the public, who are so slow at realising the great national importance of trained nursing, and it would help to dispel the notion, which may be prevalent, and which was expressed to me by one doctor—that we don't take ourselves seriously.

Millionaires are so common now, and I dare say many of them have had reason to be grateful to nurses! Let them come forward and show their gratitude practically by helping us to build a College!

The subscribers to the statue, I think, should be limited to nurses and soldiers.

Yours truly,
BEATRICE KENT.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITION.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I have to-day received cheque for 5s. for which many thanks.

Your happy thought in having these prize competitions has given great pleasure to your readers.

I am, yours faithfully,
MARGARET K. STEELE.

STATE REGISTRATION IN CANADA.

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

DEAR EDITOR,—Many thanks for your kind congratulations and good wishes expressed in your Editorial in the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING of March 18th. We follow with deep interest the work of the nurses in the Motherland for Registration, and any words of encouragement from the leaders there are much appreciated by us.

The BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING is a much valued exchange, which I always read with a great deal of interest.

Allow me to congratulate you on the great success of the Nursing Masque. Every nurse here would have liked to be present, had it only been possible.

Again thanking you for your kindness,
I am, sincerely yours,

BELLA CROSBY.
Toronto. Editor, The Canadian Nurse.

WHAT TO READ.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I miss the little paragraph which in times past used to appear weekly in the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING under the heading of "What to Read." I invariably took its advice with advantage. Nurses are such concentrated workers, and their purses so slender, that they have not much time to keep apace with the literature of the day. The time for reading is also often curtailed, so that not to waste time in reading rubbish is a distinct advantage. Lately I have lived in a literary household where the best books and leading magazines have been available, and a great treat it has been to hear discussions by intelligent persons on the current literature of the day and past days also.

The *Book Monthly* for February had a charming article by Eveline B. Mitford on "The Literary Women of Japan." Just fancy Japanese women producing literary masterpieces in the eighth century and the Heian period (800-1186), being the Golden Age for the women of Japan! And who amongst us knows anything of the splendid work of Nur Jehan, the Empress of Hindustan. In the *Indian World* a sketch of this wonderful woman, by Mr. N. C. Leharry, is most fascinating and amazing. Indeed, unless we read, if possible, voraciously how cramped our minds become.

Yours,
C. N. D.

[So many nurses have to read for relaxation and not instruction that the average literary standard is not very high. "My brain simply won't take it in," we have been told by many nurses when recommending the study of "literature." "When off duty I can only assimilate trash." During training we fear this condition of brain exhaustion is common, because probationers are cramming educational facts which should have been taught in a preliminary course, if not in the general curriculum of education. The trained nurse, especially in private nursing, will find good literature a wonderful stimulus and continuously educative. "Blessed be books."—Ed.]

Notices.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE STATE REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

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, 481, Oxford Street, London, W.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS FOR APRIL.

April 22nd.—What are the usual symptoms of pregnancy?

April 29th.—How are burns usually classified?

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