

are battling with first causes in the laboratory—hence the discoveries of Schaudinn, Ehrlich, &c.—which results of scientific research let us hope may in time banish the venereal group from the category of disease. I have spoken with many nurses, who do not even know the right meaning or difference between the group of venereal diseases, and who pride themselves upon their ignorance! I support, from personal experience, the letter which appeared on the 7th inst., signed "M. Harvey," and hope her question addressed to the Matrons' Council may be taken seriously. Whatever we are doing, anyway, we are not doing half enough.

Yours truly,  
A PROFESSIONAL WOMAN.

[Our correspondent will be interested to learn from the report of the meeting of the Matrons' Council that "M. Harvey's" question was taken seriously, and will, we hope, produce practical results.—Ed.]

### THIRTY VISITS A DAY.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—During some temporary holiday work this summer I have seen something of the overwork of district nurses. One nurse registered over 30 visits a day! Can that be called nursing? Again, in a district which has grown from a population of 2,000 to 10,000 still only one nurse. One sees curious sights in connection with hospitals. Just outside a cottage hospital I lately saw several boys who had had teeth removed, spitting blood over the green outside the out-patients' door. No one seemed to take any notice, and so we go on. I am glad those little boys happened upon you in the car; they will serve a good turn. It is to be hoped they got safely home without septic poisoning.

Can I convey sympathy through the JOURNAL to the late Matron of the Chester Infirmary, for the unjust manner in which she has been treated by the Committee? A fellow feeling makes one wondrous kind. Nurses need even more than medical men a Defence Union. "Barts." was bad enough—but "Chester" is worse.

Yours truly,  
ONE WHO LOOKS ON.

### GYNECOLOGICAL TRAINING.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—Could not some system of affiliation be effected between general and gynecological hospitals? At present the large hospitals have so few beds for the special diseases of women that it is impossible to pass all the probationers through these wards in a three years' term of training. It is even worse where only two years' training in the wards are given, and where paying probationers are given this valuable experience, often to the exclusion of the general

probationers. It really is a serious matter for nurses who wish to become thoroughly efficient private nurses, and it seems a pity that some arrangement cannot be made between the managers of general and special hospitals.

Yours truly,  
STAFF NURSE C.F.

### REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

*Probationer C.*—As the doctor has ordered you to have the instep supported, write for Booklet "W." from W. Holland, 46, South Audley Street, London, W., or call there, and see their instep supports. It is wise to take precautions in time to save flat feet. Sponge your ankles and feet night and morning with cold water and Tidman's Sea Salt. Rub them warm, and wear sensible shoes and stockings. Feet are well worth consideration in hospital work; if neglected they have little revengeful ways of becoming very obstructive to comfort.

*C.K.T., Liverpool.*—We should certainly advise you to become a certified midwife; knowledge of midwifery is invaluable if you are going abroad. The term of training in Great Britain is short and the examination simple, but grafted on to a knowledge of general nursing can be safely taken as a minimum standard.

*Mrs. E. Bowen, Hants.*—The articles you mention should be sent to the Self-Help Mission. Odds and ends of all sorts, old and new garments, boots and shoes are sold at low prices to the poor or given away to the destitute. From the proceeds St. Mary's Widows' Home is supported, and substantial help is given to St. Mary's Children's Hospital, also to other good works in this large poor parish of 25,000 people. Address parcels to the Lady Superintendent, care of Rev. T. Given-Wilson, Vicar of St. Mary's Mission Hall, Plaistow, London, E.

### NOTICES.

#### OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS FOR OCTOBER.

October 28th.—What accidents may occur to the child during delivery?

Rules for competing for our Prize Competition will be found on page xii.

The questions for next month will appear next week.

#### STATE REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

Full information as to the movement for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, and application forms for joining the Society can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, 431, Oxford Street, London, W.

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