

Being a very ardent suffragist myself, it has grieved and shocked me many times to find Nurses so callously indifferent to this "sex domination," which, owing to social evolution, now works so harmfully to the community. Surely the large field for observation of human tragedy and suffering which is specially afforded to the modern nurse should make them quick to realise what a large factor for evil this sex inequality is?

One can understand the easily-swayed and unthinking mob condemning. For a nurse who probably has not done a hundredth part to heal the great "Hurt of Humanity" that such women as Dr. Louisa Garrett Anderson and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence have done, it would be utterly contemptible. Perhaps a little simple study of franchise reforms, and how they have been won, would cause such critics to be more reflective.

THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING is constantly giving its readers cause to be proud of its high ethical standards. It is a source of much help and pleasure to me personally.

A perusal of the Anti-Registration papers never fails to enhance its value in my sight!

Thanking you for your courtesy,

I am, dear Madam,

Yours faithfully,

ELEANOR FARRINGTON.

IS IT TO BE SEX WAR?

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—From the enclosed cutting from the *Globe* you will see that a number of students were charged at Bow Street with drunkenness and disorderly conduct following on the Hospital Football Cup Tie at Richmond on the 7th inst, and one prisoner said that he and his companions were mistaken for Guy's students "who had been demonstrating against the Suffragettes." All these rowdy young cubs were let off with practically no punishment, whilst long-suffering women, whose names are revered throughout the civilised world, have been sent to jail for two months with hard labour. Nothing more monstrously unjust could have been done by these partisan magistrates, and like all injustice, the community will sooner or later have to pay for it. The encouragement in high places of insults to women by drunken men in the streets is a very dangerous game to play. It is the thin end of the wedge of revolution, which does not stand upon the order of high-placed potentates once it lets loose the dogs of war. It should be remembered that some very aristocratic and plutocratic faces "peeped through the little window" during the Reign of Terror! When the mob comes along and smashes windows it won't go away empty-handed, and small blame to it after the incitement to trample on the most sacred traditions of civilization—incitement to insult obscenely the womanhood of the country. I heard disgusting observations made by drunken scum to decent women in the Opera House mob, and I saw a broad grin thereat on the face of more

than one constable—a burning shame to the manhood of England, if such a thing is still extant!

Yours truly,

MEMBER W.S.P.U.

(Savage as was the French Revolution, it was only a class war, but there is something infinitely more sacrilegious in this animal opposition to the freedom of the souls of women. It makes for sex war, which may ultimately touch the very source of human life at birth, and not merely in death.—ED. B.J.N.)

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—It is to be hoped that the Deans of Guy's and the London Hospitals will do their duty to the medical schools of those institutions if, as the papers report, medical students on their rolls ragged and bullied women in the streets after their football match. If any class of men should respect women it is medical students, who can watch sisters and nurses day by day in the wards performing their duties in the most devoted manner for a mere pittance of salary in return. One begins to feel "Christian" England is unfit for women to live in.

Yours, &c.,

A. LATE LONDON HOSPITAL SISTER.

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Beth.—We can thoroughly recommend the first ladies you mention as expert teachers of massage; the third we do not know. We do not know the price of the book, but write to Miss S. E. Tracy, Adams Nervine Asylum, Jamaica Plains, Massachusetts, U.S.A.

Miss M. R. Rigby.—You would be fortunate to be accepted as a probationer at the Leicester Infirmary; the General Hospital, Nottingham; or the General Hospital, Birmingham. The training at all three institutions is excellent.

Miss James, London.—Only comparatively few of the Nurse Training Schools have organised preliminary courses at present. Where they have been established they are invariably valued, but there are not a sufficient number of pupils of the same standing to form classes in any but the largest training schools.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS FOR MARCH.

March 23rd.—How would you care for the dead, in a hospital, from the hour of death until the corpse is removed from the mortuary?

March 30th.—What special points would you observe in nursing a case of tuberculosis in a poor home?

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