

(which I frequently did), and enquired how it came there, the answer was: "Oh! you were not in, and I knew you would lend it me, so I took it." The unfortunate thing was they frequently forgot from whom they "borrowed," so could not pay back. I remember how I prided myself on the fact that no one "borrowed" my collars, because I wore size 16, and none of my friends (?) went beyond 13½. I also luckily had big feet, but nothing else was safe from my careless borrowing friends—I had almost written "fiends."

Yours truly,
ONE WHO HAS SUFFERED.

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FAMILY.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I did see the account of the inquest of which "Slum Sister" wrote, and wondered if men would always believe that they and they alone keep their wives and families. There is not one man in a hundred who works one hour more when he has six or a dozen children, than he did before the birth of his first; neither does he smoke any less. It is the mother who works all the time, and who goes without; the man is not to blame that he does not work more, because, in most cases, he could not, if he would. But honour to whom honour is due; it makes little difference to the man, but all the difference in the world to the woman, if there is a small family or a large one.

Yours truly,
MATERNITY NURSE.

THE DEPRECIATION OF DISTRICT NURSING.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I attended a meeting at Leeds lately where an admirable address was given by Miss Thurston on the work and aims of the West Riding Nursing Association, in which she observed that the three principal aims of the Association were (1) to dispel ignorance, (2) to inculcate thrift, and (3) that their nurses should be thoroughly trained in midwifery. We must all agree that these aims are admirable, but what I find in the rural districts in Yorkshire is that a fourth doctrine must be adopted—and that certificated midwives should be "thoroughly trained" in nursing—as this skilled work is being given over to them almost entirely by lay-managed Nursing Associations—with consequent depreciation of the art.

I am, yours truly,
DISTRICT NURSE.

COTTAGE NURSES IN IRELAND.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—If it were not for your JOURNAL we district nurses in Ireland would know nothing of the danger to the standard of our work in Ireland. I am glad to note that Miss Brodrick states that the best in our Irish nursing circles

is opposed to foisting on our poor, mothers' helps as trained nurses. My experience in England is that society women have nearly ruined nursing in rural districts in England—by sweating very insufficiently trained women—and as an Irish woman I pray this evil system may never get a foothold in old Ireland.

Yours gratefully,
AN IRISH DISTRICT NURSE.

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

F. C., Chelsea.—Apply to Miss Cutler, St. Bartholomew's Hospital. She has the entire management of the matter. Fancy dress is obligatory.

Sister Veronica, Dublin.—It is not possible in this general nursing Journal to deal as fully with the question as you desire. We should advise you to take "The Shield," the official organ of the British Committee of the International Federation for the Abolition of State Regulation of Vice, monthly, post free, 1s. 6d. a year, 19, Tothill Street, Westminster, S.W.

Miss C. T., Manchester.—The first prize of £7 7s. is estimated to cover the whole cost of attending the International Congress at Cologne. It can be done for less, of course. More details on this point later.

Miss G. F., London.—Write to Lady Superintendent, General Hospital, Winnipeg, Canada. We quite agree with her that women wishing to succeed as Nurses in Canada should train there.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITION FOR JANUARY.

January 27th.—What care must be taken when removing the clothes of a person badly burned?

PRIZES FOR NURSING HANDICRAFT
(See page ii. of Cover).

NOTICES.

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