

country too rare, and because of her devotion to and enthusiasm over all that she sees needs to be done, like all workers, she has undertaken the work of several women and now must pay the penalty.

Besides continuing to lead in nursing organisation, she has become very active in the Woman Suffrage work; has assumed duties both on the National Journal for Women Suffrage and on the International Magazine *Jus Suffragii* published in Rotterdam, and has been to the front in pushing the affairs of a Suffrage Society which has lately opened headquarters in Amsterdam. I find, though, that Suffrage propaganda in Holland is not as free as ours and yours. Street meetings, for instance, have not been attempted, and it is unlikely that the public authorities would permit them. Miss Hubrecht has also brought about a decided piece of progress for the Nurses' Society, Nosokomos, namely, the foundation of a central headquarters and the centralising of all the various offices and departments under the care of a nurse as office secretary. This will give great impetus and strength to the Society, and will make it much easier to bring in new members. The address of this headquarters is 13, Von Eeghen Str., and the nurse in charge is Miss Dien Von Rijn, a charming woman and most progressive in her ideals.

Another very important achievement of Miss Hubrecht's has been the founding of a State Society for the State registration of nurses. It is modelled on the lines of your English Society, the members being nurses and men and women of the laity. It was only organised last February, and already has over 300 members, many of whom are liberal physicians. Miss Hubrecht said she had been too busy to write to any of us about this gratifying development.

Yours very truly,
L. L. Dock.

[We much regret to learn of the cause which will deprive us of the presence of Miss Hubrecht at the Congress. The loss will be great. She was to have presented the report of the International Committee on Nursing Education.—ED.]

A MORE LIBERAL SPIRIT.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—When the International Council of Nurses came to London the nurses in this hospital were practically forbidden to attend. Our present Matron permits THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING in the sitting-room, and a more liberal spirit prevails. We are much interested in the meeting at Cologne, and I only wish I could afford to go. Especially should I like to go to Kaiserswerth, and see the German pageant of Nursing. Wishing the lucky ones a happy time,

I am yours sincerely,
AN APPRECIATIVE READER.

NURSING HOMES.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I quite agree that it is quite useless to register nursing homes unless nurses are registered. In Australia the nurses employed in private hospitals must be registered. This is only honest. The patient pays for skilled nursing, and has a right to it. But in London in some Homes the greatest dishonesty prevails on the quality of the nursing provided, and I know from personal experience that young women in their teens are employed—often on night duty—who have never been trained at all. It is no uncommon thing for the patient to instruct the nurse. High fees are charged, and these untrained girls are sometimes paid infinitesimal salaries—"as they are being trained"—and in one place I know these poor things actually pay for their training! THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING is strongly disapproved of, and registration of nurses violently opposed. I hope Miss Stower will agitate for reforms.

Yours truly,
S. F. P.

STATE REGISTRATION IN RHODE ISLAND STATE.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—Your cordial letter of congratulation to us from the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, London, was received a few days ago. We heartily thank your Association for their interest in us.

Please convey to your Society our hearty appreciation of their kindness.

Yours sincerely,
SARA LOWDEN, Secretary.

55, Eddy Street, Providence, R.I.

[We are asked by the Hon. Secretary of the State Registration Society to publish this letter.—ED.]

OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS FOR AUGUST.

August 10th.—Enumerate the principal physical, mental, and moral qualifications requisite in a trained nurse.

August 17th.—Mention some of the emergencies you have met with in the course of your nursing career and your methods of dealing with them.

August 24th.—How would you deal with severe post partum hæmorrhage in the absence of medical assistance?

August 31st.—Describe the preparation of a patient for receiving an anæsthetic. What precautions would you take before and after?

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