

of the Hon. Arthur Stanley when she addressed a meeting at the Midwives' Institute and Trained Nurses' Club, on the evening of June 23rd, on the subject of the College of Nursing. Mr. Stanley has certainly shown a breadth of mind, a tolerance of criticism, and a readiness to learn the truth about the Reform Movement of the Nursing Profession, things of which—to use his own words—he was entirely ignorant. We are grateful to him for it. The pity of it is, that those who have associated themselves with him in the scheme, have not followed his lead a little more closely. What particularly struck me at this meeting was an *intolerance of criticism*. Is it possible that the members of the College of Nursing Council suppose that a scheme of this sort, which will so vitally affect the present and future generations of nursing, is to be rushed through without criticism? Criticism which has been passed upon the scheme was alluded to at this meeting as a grievance. Why? Is it not always acknowledged to be a wholesome thing?

As a fully-trained nurse and one who has had considerable and varied experience in the nursing world, I claim for myself and others a perfect right to criticise. Criticism does not mean antagonism—a thing I always try to avoid. As a member of the State Registration Society—which stands for liberty of conscience and freedom of speech—I am heartily thankful that there has been so much criticism about the College of Nursing, because many much-to-be-desired changes have been made in the original scheme in consequence of it. It has now adopted our State Registration policy, and it seems highly probable that an agreement will be reached between the two parties.

I am a week late in sending this letter, the reason being that a request was made from the chair that no press notices should appear, but as I see an evidently inspired account of the meeting has been published in a weekly journal for nurses, I no longer feel under an obligation to keep silence.

BEATRICE KENT.

#### MORE INFORMATION REQUIRED.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—From a paper to hand I note the College of Nursing, Limited, has begun to compile a voluntary list or register under 3 standards:—(1) Nurses holding a certificate or certificates of three years' training; (2) Specially, I presume, for the London Hospital, nurses holding a two years' certificate and two years' service, and (3) Nurses with training to the satisfaction of the Council. Can you tell me if cottage and village nurses are being accepted under the latter clause and will rank in a general register with No. 1 class?

Birmingham.

Yours truly,

M. C. F.

[We should advise you to apply to the Secretary, College of Nursing, Limited, 6, Vere Street, London, W. We think the nursing profession has a right to this information. Of course under

an Act of Parliament, during a term of grace, provision has to be made for existing nurses, but presumably only for those who are adequately trained. "Cottage nurses" cannot be classed as "trained." They are useful "cottage helps" and should be "certified midwives." When used as "private nurses" they are out of their element, and the fees sometimes charged by associations for their services out of all proportion to their so-called training and standard of knowledge.—ED.]

#### WOMEN PATROLS AND WOMEN POLICE.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I should be extremely grateful if you will allow me, through your paper, to make an appeal for recruits on behalf of the new and important work now spreading throughout the country—that of Women Patrols and Women Police. Women of education, tact, common-sense and perseverance, with previous experience in some branch of Social Service, such as Nursing, Club-work, Health Visiting, &c., are urgently needed to fill posts now offering as Policewomen, Patrol-Leaders, &c. The course of training before appointment depends upon individual needs and qualifications, and the pay, when posted, ranges from 30s. to 40s. a week.

At a time like the present, when too much cannot be done to protect and stimulate the moral growth of our national girlhood, it would be disastrous to neglect the opening offered for work to Women Patrols and Women Police; and if any of your readers wish to offer themselves for training, or to make further enquiries, I shall be very glad indeed to hear from them.

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#### OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS.

July 15th.—What diseases may flies convey? What would you suggest to prevent the presence of flies in hospital wards containing cases of infectious disease?

July 22nd.—If it is decided under medical advice that an infant shall be weaned, what special points would you observe in the care of the mother and child?

July 29th.—What methods have you seen employed for the treatment of infected wounds, and with what results?

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