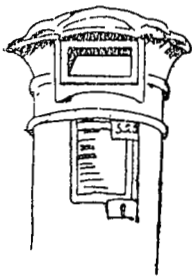


"What do you make of her playfulness?"  
 "I should count that a virtue, were it not for the fatal objection that it is always exercised at the expense of other creatures."

All this time he had been painting diligently. He could now combine talking and painting far better than he used. But a knock came to the study door, and remembering baby's unrepresentable condition, I huddled her up, climbed the stair again, and finished the fledging of my little angel in a very happy frame of mind.

(To be continued.)



### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

(Notes, Queries, &c.)

*Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not IN ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.*

*We shall be happy to answer, as far as we can, all questions submitted to us.*

#### DISPENSING FOR NURSES.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

34, St. George's Square, S.W.,  
 May 6, 1891.

Sir,—In reference to the note which appeared under the heading, "Dispensing for Nurses," in the *Nursing Record* for April 30, I beg to say that dispensing lessons, &c., are given daily in connection with the Zenana Medical College. For terms and all particulars apply at the above address, enclosing stamped directed envelope.—Yours faithfully,

G. DE G. GRIFFITH.

#### THE MIDWIVES' REGISTRATION BILL.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—Our attention has been called by Dr. Leslie Phillips, Hon. Sec. of the Medical Defence Union, to the statements of Dr. Rentoul at the close of the article under the above heading on page 226 of your issue of 30th April last.

The suggestion there made by Dr. Rentoul, attributing unworthy motives to Mr. Lawson Tait in his capacity of President of the Union, is too absurd to require either denial or argument.

It is only right, however, to state that the course adopted by the Council of the Union in declining to defend Dr. Rentoul in the County Court action for £6, to which he refers, was taken in accordance with the unanimous vote of an exceptionally large meeting of the Council. In taking this course the Council simply acted upon the advice which we, as solicitors to the Union, have uniformly and repeatedly given in similar cases—viz., that the defence of mere debt collecting actions is not within the province of the Union.—Yours obediently,

JOHNSON, BARCLAY, JOHNSON AND ROGERS,  
 Solicitors to the Medical Defence Union, Ltd.  
 36, Waterloo Street, Birmingham.

## The "Nursing Record" POST-CARD EXAMINATIONS.

No. 20.

A Book or Books of the value of Five Shillings will be awarded to the best answer to the following question, addressed, "Nursing Record Post-Card Competition," St. Dunstan's House, Fetter Lane, E.C. All answers to this question to reach us not later than the morning of Saturday, May 23rd, 1891:—

"What would you do in a case of Epistaxis, or Bleeding from the Nose?"

(a) The answer must be written (neatness and distinctness count to credit) in ink, on a *thick* post-card, with the full name and address of the candidate at the top. The successful candidate's answer will be printed in *fac-simile*.

(b) All associated with nursing work are accepted as candidates, but in case of a "tie" a subscriber will naturally have preference, and for this reason each candidate must mention at the bottom of the post-card, "I am a subscriber," or "I obtain the NURSING RECORD from—"

(c) The decision of the Examiners to be final.

\* Give name and address of newsagent where obtained.

## COMPETITIVE PRIZE ESSAY. TWENTY-FOURTH COMPETITION.

A Book or Books of the value of One Guinea will be awarded for an Essay upon the following subject:—

"Describe in full the amount and kind of help required in a Hospital laundry. The Hospital contains sixty-four beds; and there is a daily average of fifty-four patients. Their personal linen is not washed at the Hospital. The Staff consisting of House Surgeon, Matron, eight Nurses, and ten servants, there are about eighty Ward sheets, fourteen quilts, fourteen blankets, eighty pillow-cases, towels, &c., besides the house linen, eighty Nurses' and Servants' aprons, and, of course, a large number of collars and cuffs, to be washed each week. The servants all wear cotton dresses, but not the Nurses. The washing is not to be done by machinery."

#### RULES.

1.—Contributions to be sent to the Editor, at the office of THE NURSING RECORD, not later than Saturday, June 6, 1891, addressed as follows:—"Prize Essay Competition, THE NURSING RECORD, St. Dunstan's House, Fetter Lane, London, E.C."

2.—Manuscript must be written distinctly in ink and on one side of the paper only, upon not less than 24 nor more than 48 pages of ordinary-sized ruled sermon paper. The pages must be numbered and fastened together.

3.—The real and full name and address (stating whether Miss or Mrs., of the Competitor must be inscribed on the back of each contribution, and notification of which Hospital or Institution the Competitor has been or is attached to.

4.—Trained Nurses or those personally associated with Nursing work only allowed to compete.

5.—Winners in previous Competitions are permitted to compete, but in case of a "tie" the prize would be awarded to the Competitor who has not secured a prize before.

The decision of the Prize Essay Editor to be final, and any infringement of the above Rules will be considered a disqualification.

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