

Miss Bielby hits the nail on the head when she says that reform must come and can only come by more direct teaching to our young people; and mothers must accept this as one of their greatest duties. I think we may say they are learning to do so. We have to remember, therefore, that legislation is for the immoral man—the man who has escaped or refused to listen to such teaching.

Let us for a minute look at the consequences. Suppose the method were adopted, and successfully so; in fifty years' time venereal disease might be very much decreased, might possibly be rare (in men), but immorality would be far more prevalent. The ruin of the lives of young girls, the broken hearts of mothers who have lost their daughters, the number of unwanted and uncared-for babies, can we advocate and definitely work for a system which will increase these?

No; it seems to me that, awful as is the suffering of the innocent and unborn, our duty, while curing the disease where we can, is first of all to use every influence and opportunity we have to lessen the sin.

If, as women, we at all are party to the necessity of promiscuous intercourse, we throw away our chance of bettering the state of things in the world.

The terrible and undeserved suffering which we do not understand, and are powerless to stay, we must "leave to a Higher Power"; nor can we expect the help nor invoke the blessing of that Power on our work as long as we consent to any lower standard of chastity than that set forth by the Great Teacher in the 5th chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel.

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[We shall be pleased to have discussion on this important health question, but must once more remind our correspondents that letters should not exceed 250 words.—ED.]

#### KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

We have received a large number of cards during the past week from nurses in private practice objecting to inclusion in the Hours of Employment Bill—1, Because it would prevent efficient nursing; 2, because it would bring into competition with the trained nurses more and more unskilled workers.

NOUS SOMMES LA.

*F.F.N.C. Sister*: "It is high time our legal title was in use so that the Press—so ignorant—may realise nursing is now a profession. In reporting the appointment of the General Nursing Council, the *Evening Standard* sets out all the lay and medical names, and dismisses our professional representation in the following manner: 'A number of nurses are also appointed,' including, by the bye women who promoted and paid for the movement! As for the *D.T.*, it has lost its temper badly. No one whose heart does not bleed for the sorrows of 'Juliet' and who has dared to object to this

'ghost' as a collector of charity from our patients on our behalf is worthy of mention.

*N'importe nous sommes là.*"

#### SAVE BRITISH CHILDREN FROM GERMAN KULTURE.

*Mother of the Dead*.—Can you tell me if we mothers bereaved in the horrible war by German and Austrian barbarity, and jealousy of this country, are being taxed to entertain the hundreds of enemy alien children, coming to England at an early date from Central and Eastern Europe—that is, from Germany and Austria? If so, I feel inclined to go to prison for non-payment of taxes.

(We advise our correspondent to write to the Secretary of the "Save the Children Fund," Room 130, 26, Golden Square, Regent Street, London, W.1, for information. She might also ask how much has already been expended in the leading newspapers in whole-page and half-page advertisements of the Fund; it must already amount to a huge sum. The statement made in a *Times* advertisement that it is "The Paramount Duty of Great Britain as a Nation, and of every True Briton as an Individual," to "Help and Succour" these Aliens (aged from four to fifteen) and "At Once," is an abominable insult. The paramount duty of every Briton is to help and succour the thousands of heroic men who have suffered in saving the Empire, their wives and children, and the widows and orphans of those who died to save us and our country from fire and sword, rape and madness; and to keep out of the United Kingdom the progeny of the murderers and other criminals who organised the war. Let those who wish to help and succour German and Austrian children do so in their own countries. We should not run the risk of their infecting our children with their "Kultur." The whole movement is the result of effete passivism; and in our opinion it is the "Paramount Duty" of every robust Briton to refuse to finance it. Leave that to the wealthy Germans still in our midst, exploiting the wealth of this country, and other aliens of enemy antecedents in high places.—ED.)

#### OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS.

##### QUESTIONS.

*May 1st*.—State (1) How to organise an eight hours' day for nurses in hospitals, (2) How to organise a forty-eight hours' week for nurses. State (a) the number of beds in ward, (b) the number of nurses required for duty in ward. State hours on and off duty.

*May 8th*.—Prescribe a diet for a case of diabetes. Give a warning of what to avoid. Outline diet for cases of (a) Pneumonia; (b) Nephritis.

*May 15th*.—What are the symptoms of the presence of adenoids and diseased tonsils in a child? What ill results may follow their neglect?

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