

most sympathetic article which appeared in the issue for October 23rd under the above heading?

Unfortunately, her present address is unknown to the many friends she made while in Dublin, so that I am unable to write to her. It gave us all great pleasure to see that our work was so much appreciated by an expert like Miss Wortabet.

A present we are but lonely pioneers, as this is the only Hospital in Ireland, for the treatment of infants without the Mother, and the work is much hampered through want of funds.

We deeply appreciate the kindly thought of Miss Wortabet in bringing the Hospital and its needs before the public.

I am, &c.,

E. J. FISHER,

Hon. Registrar, Teac Ultain, Dublin.

WE DOUBT IT.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—There was a meeting held at a small town near Bath the other day by the Church Army, with cinema performance and explanatory remarks by an official.

When telling the audience of the good work of the Army, amongst other illustrations he gave an instance that when he was visiting one of "the large London hospitals" the Sister of the ward told him how much she owed to the C.A., as before they rescued her she "used to walk Piccadilly." Is such a thing possible? and if so, is it kind or advisable to smirch the profession by publishing it?

OLD NURSE.

KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

Member College of Nursing: "I attended the special general meeting of the College on November 4th, and realised for the first time how funny it is that any layman or woman can be a MEMBER of the College of Nursing without any training whatever—so long as they are members of its Council and Local Committees. Why, therefore, claim for this extraordinary body that it is on a par with the Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons? which, of course, are composed entirely of registered Medical Practitioners. Nurses are quite the most futile people *en masse*—and I with thousands of others swallowed all I was told by Matrons—on the professional status of the College, which is not a College in any sense of the word, but just a mass of nurses, governed executive and practically by the laity."

Cert. the London: "Lord Knutsford's claim at the College Meeting that, because he and the Treasurer of St. Thomas' Hospital were so closely associated with nurses that they understood what they wanted, and might be in a better position to get things done than the nurses themselves, does not bear investigation. The nurses, including hundreds at the London, wanted State Registration for years, yet how many years did Lord Knutsford's social influence help to retard this

reform? The same with Sir Arthur Stanley. Nurses had drafted their demands in the Central Committee's Bill. Did Sir Arthur as an M.P. move a finger in the House for ten years to help them? He was so ignorant of our wishes that he offered us Voluntary 'recognition' instead of 'State Registration' *eight years* after our Bill had passed the Lords!!! Miss Cox-Davies's statement that, because the Chairman 'is an employer of nurses, we reverence him all the more,' is the attitude of the College Matrons, no doubt, but is not that of professional women who desire that the Nursing Profession should be guided by intelligent self-government."

Oxford Nurse.—"It is quite evident that some of our work must be handed over to V.A.D.'s, as the whole scheme for financing and in consequence managing, the voluntary hospitals by the Civil Red Cross Council will fall flat. There has been so much interfering with everybody's business during the war, that all these social persons are very loath to retire into their shells. I listened to some nursing propositions at a meeting recently held here (Oxford). One doctor said there was a great shortage of probationers, and the Red Cross ought to open a wide scope for anyone with time on their hands, or even those with money but not much inclination to work, or for those who had both energy and money. District work, care of cripples, help in local hospitals, and so on. I wanted to get up and say, if these idle people would only do their duty and become regular probationers, the shortage would stop."

REPLY TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Miss C. Noble (Durham).—You will not be eligible for registration as you have only been in a hospital three months, and then competed with experienced nurses in private nursing. Our advice is, train for three years and qualify for the future State Examination.—ED.

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OUR PRIZE COMPETITION.

QUESTIONS.

November 20th.—What are the principal diseases of the respiratory system? What are the effects of respiratory obstruction? What emergencies may suddenly arise?

November 27th.—What congenital defects may be present in a newly born infant? What is the nurse's duty in regard to them?

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