

"Gentlemen," he says, a little sternly, with a glorious Scotch accent, "I find nothing ridiculous in the remark made by Nurse. Why do you laugh? It will be well for you to remember, for your future guidance in dealing with the sick, *that cases have mothers.*" And then, bowing to me across the bed, he continues, "My dear young lady, may you long retain spontaneous sympathy with suffering. It is an instinct possessed by all true Nurses, and without it no woman is worthy of the name."

I remain dumb. All the same he is a dear old thing, and I shall thank him some day.

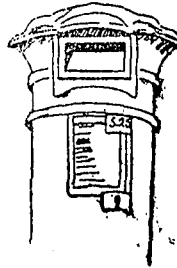
The afternoon passes, Sister relieves me while I get some tea in the lobby, and then, in the evening, Nurse Damian helps me to make No. 26 comfortable. She is an untiring and devoted little person, and never sits down from five to eight, during which time she repeats her morning's work. Nothing seems a trouble to her, and the patients watch her sprightly little figure, passing up and down the Ward, with grateful glances.

"It's a rum 'un to me," I hear one remark, 'how the little woman stands it. To see these 'ere Nusses work makes a man shy about that there eight hours' business."

When the lights are lowered at eight, Nurse

Damian takes my place, and says Sister desires to speak with me in her room. I go. But of all the things she says to me I must write in another letter. They are things which ought not to be forgotten.—Good-bye, dearest.—Your loving

PHYLLIS.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

(Notes, Queries, &c.)

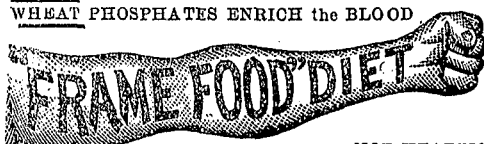
Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not IN ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.

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

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—There is an amusing little story flying around Glasgow, which may amuse your readers. Upon the appearance of Dr. Browne's able criticism upon the Directors' Report, which appeared in the *Mail*, the Probationers spontaneously signed a document corroborating all his statements. The Night Nurses were also asked to sign the paper, and with four exceptions did so. The reasons of the four who did not do so are characteristic of the sex. The first, a friend of the

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