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Roberts) was an active member of the Committee, this could not well have been otherwise. The locality is a little out of the ordinary Exhibition region, which was the only thing to be re-

We had almost forgotten to note the practical cookery lessons which were given at intervals all day long by capable exponents of the culinary art. But we have probably said sufficient to make our readers resolve with the historian of John Gilpin, that at the next Food and Cookery Exhibition they will "be there to see."



Letters to the Editor.

(Notes, Querles, &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.

THE "YARD-WAND."

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

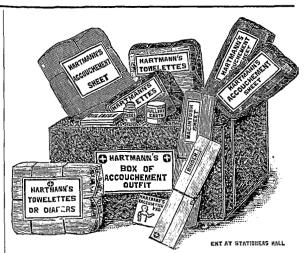
SIR,-I think nothing more significant, nor more to the point, has appeared in your admirable paper, concerning Registration, than your allusion to the "yard-wand" in the "Echoes" of last week. We Trained Nurses—now independent units-are anxious for the institution of some central body of control, which will unite us in a strong profession il sisterhood. It has been asserted by the authorities of the few Hospitals who are opposing this justifiable action on the part of independent workers, that they keep in touch with the Nurses they have trained. How untrue this statement is, the majority of Nurses know. I was trained at the London Hospital. Since obtaining my certificate I have never entered its doors, and with the exception of a few private letters from a fellow Nurse, have held no communication with anyone in the Institution for some years past. The authorities are probably not even aware if I am dead or alive. I have friends who were trained in the same Hospital, who are in exactly the same position as I am, and also friends whose very names are unknown to the present Matrons of the Hospitals, where they were trained. To claim control over a person, earning her own living, in another quarter of the globe, is a specimen of the ridiculous autocracy of the committees of some of our Training Schools. I hope such pretended authority will be as flatly repudiated by others as I repudiate it.—I am, &c., CERTIFICATED NURSE.

Replies to Correspondents.

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