

the Graham calibre. A few such independent women would soon sweep away tyranny and autocracy, and the general public would cease to be shocked by the constantly recurring scandals for which so many of the nursing departments of our Hospitals are infamous. A short time ago, the mismanagement of the nursing department of the London Hospital became notorious, thanks to the action of certain disinterested and public spirited persons, and now we are indignant at the County Court disclosures concerning the Worcester Infirmary—where it was proved beyond doubt that the language and conduct of one official is drawn from the well of Billingsgate undefiled. The autocracy of these officials is nothing less than a public disgrace, and meek subscribers can only wonder "How long, how long." My wife says there is only one remedy—"Women on Hospital Committees"—I presume on the old principle of "setting a thief to catch a thief." Certainly many men who sit upon our Hospital Boards, appear absolutely incapable of controlling the domestic affairs of their Institutions.—Yours,
"JOURNALIST."

Replies to Correspondents.

Mrs. Grantham.—Get "The Treatment of Cholera" (price 1s.) from this office. I am glad we were the means of your attending Dr. Heron's lecture.

Sister Alexander.—Thanks for letter and enclosure; we will make use of it. It is to be regretted that the case was not fought out in a Police Court, as a case of assault with violence; we consider the action of the Clerical Committee in defending the Matron, under the circumstances, a disgrace to their cloth, and an insult to Christianity.

Citizen, Worcester.—We regret we are unable to publish all the letters, prompted by indignation, which have reached us from Worcester and Birmingham during the past fortnight. Your information is most valuable, and we intend to expose the cruel treatment and gross injustice experienced by


Miss Belsey, in future numbers, as from information received the whole business is even more disgraceful than appeared on the surface. You may well inquire what guarantee parents have that their daughters will be treated in a humane manner in our charitable institutions, when a body containing clergymen of the Church of England publicly applaud and support conduct in an official, which would disgrace, and be summarily dealt with, in the purlieus of Whitechapel.

Home Hospital Nurse.—That you should have been asked to sign a paper, subjecting you to such a heavy penalty if you left before the two years expired, is a proof that it is only by intimidation that the Nurses will remain in your institution once they have worked in it and become aware of the abuses. Our advice to you is to refuse to pay the fine of £20 on the plea of breach of contract. That you were asked to sign the contract after an interview of ten minutes, and before any reference had been given by you, or enquired for by your present employer, is sufficiently significant. You arranged to work in the Home for no salary, for the sake of experience to be gained, not to be sent out Private Nursing, and sweated for the benefit of your employer, and, therefore, you have the law on your side. Fight it out; we will ventilate your case.

Whitby.—We will certainly deal with the scandal you expose, as soon as space permits.

Miss L. B.—Glad to hear you have acted upon our advice, and that you have been admitted to the excellent institution we mentioned, and hope you will obtain the certificate when your three years expire. Had you gone to Westminster or the London, you would have simply been employed to make money by private Nursing before your nursing education was complete. Nothing gives us more satisfaction than to learn that would-be Nurses are now beginning to be able to discriminate between one school and another, and to be careful in their selection, that the rules of the institution they enter shall be framed on a just basis.

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