schools and lower the standards of the profession by legislation that is short sighted and unscrupulous. Those who are aware of the existence of the menace, especially those in our larger training schools where recruiting pupil nurses is a part of the problem, are fighting the tendency with every means in their power. In this connection it is refreshing to note that fifty-four nurses in the junior and probation classes of the University of Michigan Hospital have framed and signed, entirely upon their own initiative, the following statement: "We, the undersigned, do hereby pledge, at our own pleasure and suggestion, each to do her best to recruit at least one qualified applicant for acceptance on probation in the September class of the University Hospital, Ann Arbor, Michigan."

Michigan

A. E. C.

AN ORGANIZATION OF ANESTHETISTS

Dear Editor: Will you kindly inform me whether the nurse anesthetists of this country have an organization or not? It seems to me, considering the number of nurse anesthetists who are employed by the various hospitals in different states, that there should be an organization, or some way in which we could get together and discuss the various problems which arise in our branch of the nursing profession. I think we could be of help to each other in various ways, by exchanging ideas once in a while, especially as the nurses of all the other important branches have gotten together and formed organizations or societies. I have not as yet learned of one for anesthetists. This is a branch which seems to be growing very rapidly, and I think it is well worth specializing.

Massachusetts

R. A. C.

AN INTERESTING EXPERIMENT

Dear Editor: I wonder if some of our older nurses would like to try my experiment. After five years of institutional nursing and eighteen years of private duty, I decided to try taking obstetrical cases in my own home. I began last June and have five or six cases booked ahead nearly all the time. Occasionally I have a chronic case of heart trouble, and just now I have a paralytic who does not require much nursing, which adds a little variety to the work. I have three rooms in my home which I can use for patients, and I feel that is all I can care for at once. I like it much better than private duty, and it is much more remunerative.

Ohio

J. M. H.

SERVICE

Dear Editor: L. M. F. says, in the *May Journal*, "To minister to a just reaping of sin and wickedness." Who are we to judge even the lowliest? Can you look forward into the years and say: "I will never be in such a deplorable condition?" You cannot. You are captain of your Soul, but circumstances, environment, chance all play an important part in the tableau of your life. Some day you will want the service of a kindly hand even though you may be surrounded by wealth and luxury. Keep that day in mind and see how it will lessen the odiousness of it.

Rhode Island

V. T. K.

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Dear Editor: I have the following old copies of the *Journal* to offer for sale: Volumes 9, 11, 13, 14 and 19 complete; nearly all of volumes 8, 12 and 17, and odd numbers of all the volumes after 1908.

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