their sacred animals and dreadful gods, and we come now to the land of the pagodas with the myriads of tinkling bells and the innumerable images of Buddha—each occupying a shrine—and each dripping with the wax of the many thousand candles which are brought as offerings. The approach to the Golden Pagoda consists of a long flight of steps, arranged in terraces. Here we find for sale the flowers and candles for offerings, strange Burmese toys, sweets, little gongs, paper parasols with very long handles, and the huge cigar smoked by the women and children. The people are of the Mongolian type, narrow-eyed, the men wearing the long braid. They do not pierce their noses nor paint their faces, as their religion is more a philosophy of life. The Burmese look bright and happy, and as if they might even possess a sense of humor. The children nearly all speak English, their bodies are clothed, and they are eager little guides and shop-keepers. This tall spire of gold towers above all the trees, chimneys and high buildings, until it stands alone, glistening against the sky, and may be seen for many miles.

Yesterday was the first day of the second half of the trip, and today, for only the second time, we are having rain. CHARLOTTE EHRLICHER.

DUTIES OF THE PERMANENT NURSE,—TWO REPLIES

I

DEAR EDITOR:

In reply to the letter of G. M. in the March JOURNAL,—to my way of thinking, and from experience, the duties are numerous. In five years I have had two family positions, am still in the latter. You will find plenty to do, even in a household of many servants. A great deal depends on the case. There are servants to look after, give them medical aid and gain their confidence, shopping, clothes of the family to attend to, reading, driving, trips to plan, private matters to attend to, and the wants and comforts of one's patient,—trying to be cheerful one's self, and other duties that only one who has been in families a long time can understand.

We are now taking the West Indies cruise, return to New York April 2nd. I get \$2300 a year, and there are times when I feel that ten thousand could not pay for all I have to think of and do.

Will some nurse write her experience in drug cases?

New York City.

E. H. DE.

II

DEAR EDITOR:

In answer to G. M., I would say the pay depends on the nurse's professional standing and ability, with the qualification of family means.

As to work,—when there is no sickness, one never could tell what it should be, families differ so. I have been nursing thirty-one years, and for twenty-one in a family which has kept me busy in so many capacities it would be hard to say what they are. It would be easier to say what I had not been, and I have found this so with many graduates of my school who have filled similar positions. I have been nurse, visiting nurse, companion, promoter, counsellor, social worker, etc. In fact, the doctor who now has charge calls me a social nurse. The work is not unlike that of a superintendent in a hospital, it takes a woman of strong character and adaptability to fill such a position. I have known salaries to range from \$800 a year to \$1500. A salary of \$1250 is equal to \$3000 in any other position, for you have your board and housing and your washing is done.

Maryland.

S. G. H.