

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.

POST-CARD EXAMINATION.

DEAR MR. EDITOR.—Many thanks for books safely received. I am delighted with them.—Yours faithfully,
NURSE RFDDOCH.

Replies to Correspondents.

Registered Nurse.—We consider that silence on the part of all self-respecting Nurses is the most dignified policy under the circumstances. You cannot descend to the level of such a parvenu, and the fibre of a person devoid of all refinement of feeling can only be made to feel by the use of the weapons which he himself employs. At the present juncture we advise patience and courage. The petitions of both parties are now before the Privy Council; before long you will know the result. One thing, however, is certain absolute autocracy is in direct antagonism to the feeling of the age; the present bitter conflict is in reality a fight between the employer and the employed; and until liberty of action demanded by the Trained Nurse has been recognised and established, there will be no peace. Registration of Trained Nurses means a cessation to Nurse sweating, and

justice of contract. Those Hospitals, like the London Westminster and the Liverpool Royal Infirmary, who exact years of ill-paid hard labour in return for what is termed a year's training, will have to deal justly with their pupils, or they will find their Institutions deservedly shunned. Now the Probationer is at their mercy, and they have exploited her in consequence. Strongly advise your friends to enter no Hospital for training where the commercial craze runs rampant.

Miss S. D.—It is a clear case of intimidation; send the correspondence to the Chairman of the Hospital, and ask him if it is by the command of the Committee that the Matron has the right to refuse you because you are a Member of the R.B.N.A. Considering the restive attitude of the Governors of this Institution, I doubt if they have dared to enter such a regulation on the minutes. We shall be glad to hear from you again.

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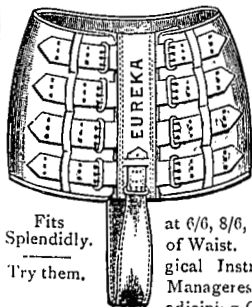
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