

intimidated and silenced by the opposition they encountered? By no means. "Then Paul and Barnabas *waved bold*, and said, 'It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you; but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.'"

It was well and bravely spoken, and, in my view, it is a policy worthy of imitation. Those who know much about the registration movement know that of the large numbers of nurses who approve of the principle of registration only a limited few realise their professional responsibility sufficiently to be willing to make personal sacrifices for the Cause. The greater number, intimidated by the contradiction they encounter, put the question from them till a more convenient season.

Are those who are convinced of the duty they owe to the sick to sit down and wait for the less courageous? Surely not. "Lo, we turn to the Gentiles" is a sound principle. And as the mission of St. Paul grew from a national to a worldwide movement by itsad option, so the registration movement will overflow narrow professional boundaries until, backed by overwhelming public opinion, the Bill for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, in spite of all the opposition which will be brought to bear against it, becomes law on the mandate of the people. Vox Populi, vox Dei.

Thanking you for all your work for the benefit of nurses and of the sick,

I am, dear Madam,

Yours faithfully,

A DISCIPLE OF ST. PAUL.

[Other letters are unavoidably held over.—Ed.]

Comments and Replies.

Certificated Nurse.—Many candidates for the examination of the London Obstetrical Society obtain their midwifery experience in the homes of the poor without entering the wards of a hospital at all. They work, either in connection with an institution, or as the pupils of midwives. Calculation will easily prove that the beds available for the instruction of pupils in this branch, in lying-in hospitals and in the wards of workhouse infirmaries combined, do not provide a training ground for the number of candidates who enter for the examination of the London Obstetrical Society each quarter. We are of opinion that the first part of the training given should always be imparted in the wards of an institution receiving in-patients. When the routine has been grasped, increase of skill and speed may, in the case of certificated nurses, be acquired under the supervision of a district midwife.

Miss James.—The Transactions of the International Congress may be obtained from Miss Banfield, Superintendent, Polyclinic Hospital, Philadelphia, price 5s. net.

Probationer B.—The question is one which you should refer to your Matron.

Staff Nurse, Leamington.—The Society has been formed, not for the purpose of registering nurses, but to associate together those who desire to obtain an Act of Parliament providing for the legal registration of nurses.

Miss Thompson.—Listerine may be obtained in this country through Messrs. Maw, Son and Sons, 7 to 12, Aldersgate Street, E.C.

Country Matron.—We feel sure that the Hon. Secretaries of any of the Leagues which have now been founded would furnish you with their constitutions, and with any information you may desire as to their organisation.

Notices.

EDITORIAL RECIPROCITY.

We are informed that many nurses in America do not subscribe to this journal because of the trouble of obtaining a foreign money order, and *vice versa*, with English nurses in reference to the *American Journal of Nursing*. The Editors of these two journals, whose aims and policy are identical, have therefore arranged to make things easy for these busy nurses, and, to save trouble, will receive and forward subscriptions. Thus any subscriber to this journal wishing to subscribe for the American journal may send the 10s. 6d., with the address to which she wishes the journal sent, to The Manager, BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING Office, 11, Adam Street, Strand, W.C., and it will then be duly forwarded to the publishing office of the American journal at Philadelphia. Thus a cheque for 17s. will enable those interested in nursing matters to receive both journals for twelve months without further trouble.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

The Editor will at all times be pleased to consider articles of a suitable nature for insertion in this journal—those on practical nursing are specially invited. The Editor will also be pleased to receive paragraphs, such as items of nursing news, results of nurses' examinations, new appointments, reports of hospital functions, also letters on questions of interest to nurses, and newspapers marked with reports of matters of professional interest.

Such communications must be duly authenticated with name and address, not necessarily for publication, but as evidence of good faith, and should be addressed to the Editor, 20, Upper Wimpole Street, London, W.

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