

comes. We nurses have many faults, but are we to be branded as willing to barter our principles to the highest bidder? I was much shocked by the letter you quoted.

When! oh when, will nurses cultivate some sense of loyalty and honour to their professional sisters? When will the majority be willing to sacrifice something for the good of their profession? Some there are who, with a knowledge of professional right and wrong, with a keen sense of honour and justice, have sacrificed much for right against might and mammon; and may we hope that your article will awaken these dormant virtues in many more.

I am, yours faithfully,  
Ebford, Topsham, S. Devon. MARY BURR.

To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."

DEAR MADAM,—I have recently left a London hospital, where we were urged by the Matron, who was very active against registration, not to read "revolutionary literature," but to take a nursing paper conducted by the "highest nursing authorities." When I ventured to inquire their names, as they nowhere appeared, either as editors or contributors, I was told, "You may take it from me that they have your true interests at heart, and their work is a labour of love."

That is the sort of reasoning considered appropriate to a nurse's intellectual capacity. Still I don't like things done in the dark.

Yours,  
A BLACK SHEEP.

To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."

DEAR MADAM,—I read your article on the above subject with very great interest and thorough approval, and what strikes an unprejudiced observer at once is the fact that where secrecy has to be maintained there must be something wrong. For my part, it seems extraordinary in these days that "three trained nurses" can be found to hire themselves out secretly "to compile" an unprofessional paper—posing as a professional organ. I think the nursing world may well demand to know who these ladies are, and which of them wrote the insulting ultimatum, aptly headed "Ourselves," which appeared in its first issue to the nurses who considered it their duty to work for professional organisation and reform through State aid. What are politics? Nothing more or less than *the science of government*, and why, pray, is it a crime for an educated body of professional women to have their work governed by the State? As Miss Dock says: "Why need we fear the State? The State is only the inhabitants of the State—in other words, ourselves; and 'State regulation' is nothing more than an agreement of the majority to do certain things in an orderly way." To judge from the tone taken by the anonymous women who compile Macmillan's mysterious publication, one would imagine that politics had something to do with fire and brimstone! By all means let us have things out and above board. Until the names of the editorial staff are published, we don't know who may not be giving us a stab in the dark. Such an inquisitorial system is entirely un-British, and should not be encouraged by an honourable body of women.—Yours truly,

Brighton. F. CICELY GOWER.

[Numerous letters on this matter are held over for want of space.—Ed.]

## Comments and Replies.

*Miss E. H. Rowlatt.*—We should advise you to write to the Reverend Mother, St. Peter's Home, Mortimer Road, Kilburn. She might be able to help you, or to tell you of something suitable.

*Private Nurse.*—The St. John's Home of Rest at Mentone is intended for clergymen and other professional men possessed of only small means, and who, in consequence of illness or overwork, require rest and change in the winter months in a mild climate. The inclusive charge is only 20s. a week, the balance being made up by voluntary subscriptions. Special consideration is given to the cases of those who are not even able to pay this sum or the railway fare to Mentone. The Hon. Secretary is the Rev. W. H. Oxley, Petersham Vicarage, Surrey, to whom inquiries should be addressed.

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*Miss Edmonds.*—The Geneva Crêpe Bandages are obtainable from Leslie's, Ltd., Hopetoun House, Lloyd's Avenue, Fenchurch Street, E.C. The firm has a well-deserved reputation for its adhesive and other plasters, which are in wide demand. Leslie's strapping is indeed a household word.

## Notices.

### THE SOCIETY FOR STATE REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

All those desirous of helping on the important movement of this Society to obtain a Bill providing for the Legal Registration of Trained Nurses will find an application form on page vi., or can obtain all information concerning the Society and its work from the Hon. Secretary, 431, Oxford Street, London, W.

Those nurses who are working on behalf of the above Society, and are endeavouring to spread knowledge as to its aims, may be glad to know that they can now obtain a Memorandum, giving briefly the reasons why Registration is necessary, from the Hon. Secretary, 431, Oxford Street, London, W. Price 6d. for 20 copies.

Those interested in the efficient organisation of nursing should procure the Annual Report of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses from the Hon. Secretary. Six copies, post free, 7d., or one copy 1½d. It gives a brief review of the history of State Registration.

### 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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