

know have made many Nurses join the B. N. A., and I hope to do so myself as soon as my three years are finished. If it wasn't for the NURSING RECORD, I have no doubt we should have believed all the falsehoods which are told about the B. N. A. and registration, because the Association doesn't seem to take any trouble to tell us the truth about things, or to make Nurses understand how very important registration is to them. I am told that there is a talk of raising the fee to a guinea, and certainly half-a-guinea is little enough to pay for being registered, and distinguished, in the eyes of everybody, from all the Gamps there are still in the Nursing profession. And, what is more, it gives the doctors such a guarantee that we are dependable. I believe, from what I hear, the doctors will soon refuse to employ unregistered Nurses. Dr. ——— said the other day to Nurse ———, who is on the private staff, "All the doctors in this neighbourhood have resolved to have none but registered Nurses, and then we can tell from the Directory what experience they have had, and we know they have a character to lose, and so we can trust them." And Dr. ——— said to Nurse ——— "I have always sent to ——— for my Nurses, but when I asked for registered Nurses always to be sent me in future the superintendent wrote that she did not approve of registration. So I wrote that if I could not get a registered Nurse from her, I must go somewhere where I could get what I wanted." And he has got seven Nurses from here out for him now, so I fancy the superintendent's dislike of registration doesn't pay. It seems to me the doctors have got the game in their own hands, and if they mean to have none but registered Nurses, why the sooner we get registered the better for us, and those institutions that don't approve of registration, because they send out untrained Nurses, will have to look after themselves. It seems to me the

doctors are quite right. They have had to put up with any rubbish that was sent them, and they and the patients suffered accordingly. Now they can see in a book where registered Nurses were trained, where they have worked, and so on, and have also somebody to complain to if the Nurse turns out a drunkard or a thief, or any thing of that sort. And I don't wonder the doctors prefer registration to the old know-nothing, do-nothing plan. I am sure if Nurses only thought over the question, or had it explained to them as our Matron explains it, they would all get registered as soon as possible. Please excuse my troubling you with such a long letter, but I should like all real Nurses to distinguish themselves from quacks by getting registered, and I should be most obliged if you would put my letter into the NURSING RECORD, which we all read here, and like very much. But as I have spoken so freely, I hope you will not print my real name and address.—Yours faithfully,

A THIRD YEAR'S PRO.

[For obvious reasons, we have deemed it better to omit the names our correspondent gives, but her shrewd common sense does her so much credit that we wish she had signed her own name.—Ed.]

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