

number of our NURSING RECORD, and cannot but heartily echo every word that is there set forth. But the whole question seems to me to resolve itself into this: "How can we Nurses show sympathy with our pioneer women; or if we disapprove of any of their newer developments, how can we show disapproval? Could we not send in a petition signed by a large number of Nurses, expressing either sympathy or not? Of course it is easy to quietly ignore those who have no votes. But it need not be so easy if only those who have not been enfranchised would combine amongst themselves, and make themselves heard; in fact, force themselves upon the notice of those whom they desire to influence. I am thinking specially of our new Boards of Guardians. If we have a suggestion to make, there is no need to sit quietly by and do nothing. They would indeed be a callous set of people if they ignored what was put before them in a proper light, though it may not commend itself to their judgments. We might certainly know more than we do on the subject of politics. But who is there to teach us? I wonder if it would be possible to organise a course of lectures on the subject of Nurses and Politics. Or even one lecture would surely not be so much wasted energy. Indeed, though our politics may not result in anything tangible, there is little doubt that the interest taken in current topics of the day would have a beneficial re-action upon our whole being.—Yours, etc.,

"A SUFFRAGIST."

Comments and Replies.

REPLIES.

Mrs. Gubbins, London.—We do not think the present moment propitious for the formation of the Society, because we fear the leading medical men who employ masseuses will

not be induced to join it, and thus secure the organisation a success; but no harm can be done by consulting them upon the subject. We feel sure the public should be protected from the great numbers of totally useless and worthless persons now using the title of "masseuse" for quite other purposes than the benefit of the sick.

Miss Bellamy, London.—We regret that we are unable to comply with your request. The Society was founded for the distinct purpose of affording a guarantee to the public. We quite agree with you that there are great numbers of excellently qualified Nurses unregistered, but with their numerous virtues they do not, evidently, possess the "sense of public duty." This spirit is, however, increasing more and more—much to the advantage of all concerned. No class of women have had a harder struggle to eject the ego from their cosmos than trained Nurses. The ego germ evidently flourishes in a physically exhausted frame.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

- A. Mrs. Andrews, London. Miss Austin, Cheltenham.
- B. Miss A. Barlow, Chiswick. Miss Bruce, London. Miss Bellamy, Wellington. Mrs. Craig-Brown, Selkirk.
- C. Miss Cummings, Bayswater. Miss Crew, Newcastle.
- E. Editor, "The Charlotte Medical Journal."
- F. Miss C. Forrest, Bolton. Miss French, Hanover. Miss A. Flower, Isle of Man.
- G. Mrs. Gordon, London. Miss Gowers, Calcutta.
- H. Mrs. Hawdon, Portsmouth.
- R. Mrs. Rose, London. Miss Ross, Putney. Miss Rawlings, Philadelphia.
- N. Miss Newman, Paris. Miss Norris, Ryde.
- T. Mrs. Tomlinson, Chester. Miss Towers, New York. Miss Townley, Cape Town.
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