

their ideas to objects that may conduce to their own personal benefit, to forget that in union there is strength, and that by this means much advantage is obtained for professional bodies as a whole. I need not point out how this strength in union has been already exemplified by the past successes of the Association. I would earnestly urge all Nurses who are registered but not yet members, and also those who purpose registering at some future date, to consider it their duty and privilege to support, by Membership, an Association that exists solely to advance their professional interests. I would go even further and say that Nurses ought to make it a matter of honour. The subscription is small—5/- a year, or to put it another way, a fraction over a penny a week. This sum is surely not too much to ask from any Nurse, when the objects aimed at are the welfare and progress of an important professional body, and the undertaking and accomplishment of schemes of almost national importance.—Yours sincerely,

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To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—Far apart, as "From Indus to the Pole," seem the views of Miss Landale and those of "One who works for her living." Yet, if there be any truth in the proverb that "extremes meet," they may fundamentally agree better than appears likely on the surface. "*Tout comprendre c'est tout pardonner.*" However this may be, it is certainly an open question, if they are not equally wide of the mark. Surely it is possible to combine the true Nursing instinct, which includes professional conduct in its highest sense, with the desire to make a living by the means most congenial to the woman who has to earn her bread; because the financial side of her work is of vital importance to her. No real Nurse would be one wit lessened in her devotion to her duty by reason of the fact. Just as surely, on the other hand,

Nursing, if undertaken as a means of livelihood only, would be wanting in the ideal professional spirit, and would fail in the motive-power which animates the touch of one who is a Nurse at heart. It seems prejudicial to Nursing as a profession, to narrow down the motives which prompt the work, either into the groove represented by Miss Landale, or by "One who works for her living."—Faithfully yours,

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