

Comments and Replies.

Staff Nurse, Birmingham.—We should advise you to try "Ronuk," which is much recommended for polishing purposes by many matrons and sisters.

M.R.B.N.A., Liverpool.—We are much obliged for your letter. We are glad you see that nurses can no longer stand aside. The future of the Nursing Profession for the next quarter of a century, rests with the nurses of to-day. If they consider their course of action now in any other light than that of duty, and allow selfish, or time serving motives, or the expediency of the hour to influence them, they surely reap as they have sown. In our opinion it is no excuse to acquaint ignorance of the question. It is the duty of all nurses to acquaint themselves with it.

Miss A., London.—Register the letter.

Reader, Manchester.—Kindly send us the name of the newsagent who fails to supply you with the NURSING RECORD, and the dates upon which you ordered it.

Miss W., Lowestoft.—Read "The Victory of the Nurses," which may be obtained from the Manager, NURSING RECORD Office, 11, Adam Street, Strand.

Probationer, Edinburgh.—Every Nurse should possess Hoblyn's Dictionary of Medical Terms. It costs 10s. 6d., and is published by Whittaker & Co., Paternoster Square.

Mrs. B., Exeter.—We cannot give medical advice. We should advise you to consult your own medical man.

Matron, Dublin.—You are certainly eligible for admission to the Matrons' Council.

The Editor thanks the writer of an anonymous post-card received and signed "A Maidstone Nurse." Such expressions of opinion are very helpful.

Miss G. J., Whitechapel.—The *Woman's Signal* is the only woman's paper we know of that supports the en-

franchisement of women with conviction—you can order it from your newsagent.

Private Nurse, Maidstone.—Do not take stimulants at a mid-day dinner. Hot milk or cocoa you will find much more nourishing. It is far wiser only to take stimulants under medical orders.

M.R.B.N.A., Bolton.—The Home of Rest is primarily a *Holiday Home*. Nurses cannot be admitted who are unable to attend meals in the dining room.

Sister G., Glasgow.—Our chief reason for disapproving of the new Bye-Laws is the deprivation of liberty of conscience from all women who join the Association. Under its new constitution, these Bye-Laws propose to give absolute power to Medical Hon. Officers, because it leaves them with power to *select and propose for election every man and woman* on the Executive Committee and General Council, which has been purposely arranged so that every man or woman who differ from these officials can be omitted from the lists. They have not hesitated to adopt this policy in the past where such action was legal, and they will not hesitate to remove every person with the courage to oppose such a policy in the future. The present officials have formed a small Metropolitan clique, and through that clique, the rights and privileges of *British* nurses to cooperate and improve their professional education and status have been prevented. When the Charter was granted, we were a National Association of Nurses, to-day we are reduced to a little Metropolitan Society, absolutely under the heel of official autocracy. Our Charter is used to fetter, not to free, our professional progress.

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