

The NURSING RECORD also congratulates itself on the granting of this measure of justice to midwives, for it is the only nursing journal which has been perfectly and consistently outspoken as to the right of midwives to representation on their own Board—the journal which professes to support the interests of midwives, having given them away all along the line—and which has thus brought the matter before the public. The action of the General Medical Council is but one more proof that nurses, midwives, and, indeed, all professional workers have only to be true to their principles, and their just demands will, sooner or later, receive support. We commend this fact to the nursing profession.

### An Invidious Position.

ON the 27th May the following paragraph appeared in a contemporary:—"With reference to an article in a nursing contemporary, correcting certain statements made in these columns, respecting the International Congress of Women, in the course of which Miss Maule is mentioned as "the Editor of the *Nursing Mirror*," this is an entire mistake. Miss Maule is not the editor of the *Nursing Mirror*, neither is she in any way responsible for the statements made concerning the Nursing Session of the Congress in this paper."

WE have made enquiries concerning the accuracy of this statement, and learn that Miss Maule is not, as a correspondent stated in our columns, the Editor of the *Nursing Mirror*, but a member of its staff. This does not, however, alter the fact that Miss Maule was officially appointed to represent the *Hospital* newspaper on the Press Sub-Committee of the International Congress of Women, so that she might convey, at first hand, to that journal, accurate information concerning the Congress arrangements. Neither can it be denied that the information which *has* appeared in the *Hospital* newspaper has been incorrect, of a personal nature, and misleading, and that it has been calculated to injure rather than further the objects of the Congress.

WE are of opinion that if not responsible for these discreditable articles in the *Hospital*, Miss Maule would have done wisely to have repudiated them from the first. Having accepted the official representation of this paper, on the Press Sub-Committee, she has, naturally, been blamed for what has appeared to be disloyalty to the organizers of the Congress. We are not surprised that Miss Maule has attempted to extricate herself from so invidious a position.

### Nursing Echoes.

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IN reply to a letter in the press criticising the salaries given by the Colonial Nursing Association for the services of nurses in the tropics, we learn that in no case is any nurse working under the auspices of the Association offered a salary of less than £60 a year for private work, with board and lodging, and journey out and home provided, and that all appointments made for hospital work are Government appointments, the salaries of which are fixed by the Government, and vary according to the size of hospital and climate, from £100 to £250 a year, with the usual advantages accorded to civil servants.

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It is proposed to affiliate the School Nurses' Society, which exists for the purpose of supplying visiting nurses to the poorest of the London School Boards to the Queen's Jubilee Institute. Already under the Society's auspices nurses are at work in the schools at Hoxton, Tower Hamlets, and Southwark.

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At the View Day Dinner at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, the Treasurer, Sir Trevor Lawrence, said: The Hospital possessed the best nursing staff in the world, and it ought to have the best home. In an official capacity he (the Treasurer) had had occasion to visit St. Thomas's Hospital, and in going over the Nightingale home there he felt ashamed of the odd and end way nurses were housed. The Resident Staff ought to have better quarters. It was unnecessary for them to enforce their views, the Governors were well aware of them. More isolation rooms and laboratories were also required. But for all these changes where was the money to come from? They could not buy land from Christ's Hospital without paying full value. That was one of the disadvantages of being supposed to be enormously rich. As it was they would not be able to buy the land without encroaching on their capital. This was the only occasion when it was possible to put before everybody the position of Hospital matters. In conclusion, Sir Trevor considered the Medical and Surgical Staff second to none in

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