

that of medical education, should include the three great branches of medical, surgical, and obstetric knowledge. There must surely be something very wanting in the education of a nurse who cannot wash an infant or deliver a woman in childbirth. Yet how many of the nurses trained in our general hospitals know anything about these important duties? But a nurse's knowledge of obstetrics should be based upon general knowledge. It is an error of education to teach a woman to nurse one part of the body to the exclusion of the rest, and it is surely a worse error to legislate for those who have only this partial knowledge. Therefore, one hopes that Parliament may appreciate the need for a Bill which will enable us to register all our qualifications instead of only one of them. I am first a nurse and second a midwife, and I confess that I dislike the idea of registering one qualification while the others remain unnoted. If the principle of the necessity for a basis of general knowledge be not accepted, there is no reason why Bills should not be introduced into the House for the registration of medical, of surgical, of fever nurses, of every kind of specialist, in which case the nursing would threaten to surpass the Irish question. What we need is a broad, statesmanlike measure which will include all duly qualified nurses. In the interests of the public, as well as of trained nurses, I hope we may soon get it.

Yours truly,
A NURSE-MIDWIFE.

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