

frequently happens that nurses who desire to take public action in relation to professional matters hold back because of the pressure brought to bear upon them by their employers. No one would for a moment attempt to stop a medical man from belonging to any professional association he pleased, nor, if the attempt were made, would he submit to such dictation for an instant, and public opinion would support him. But it so frequently happens that nurses tell us they are unable to do this or that, as it would not be permitted by those in authority over them, that we fear the principle that women as well as men have a right to liberty of conscience and action is hardly yet sufficiently appreciated. As nurses we ask no more and we can accept no less.

ambitious young men, eager to equip themselves with the most perfect technical education, should be compelled to resort to the universities of Germany or the United States," and that "it is not right that picked students from Canada or Australia, South Africa or India should not be able to find within the Empire the educational opportunities they need."

It is also "little short of a scandal" that women should have such difficulty in obtaining that education which will equip them for the battle of life. From the nursing point of view alone, we need colleges for preliminary education and for post-graduate instruction. Will not someone who realises the importance of such education come forward with the necessary endowment fund?

Annotations.

THE ENDOWMENT OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

The Earl of Rosebery has communicated to Lord Monkswell, as Chairman of the London County Council—which is the authority for technical education—the generous offer of Messrs. Wernher, Beit and Co. to place a large sum of money in the hands of trustees to be applied as a contribution towards the cost of a new scientific College, and also that further offers of the same kind have been made by other public-spirited London citizens. It is proposed that a College providing advanced instruction in scientific technology, and affording facilities for original research, shall be built, at a cost of £500,000, on about four acres of land adjacent to the present buildings of the University of London at South Kensington. It is estimated that the annual cost of maintenance of the educational work of the proposed institution will be £20,000, and this sum Lord Rosebery appeals to the London County Council to provide in order to secure the valuable donations which should provide this country with a College similar to that of the great College of Applied Sciences at Charlottenburg, close to the University of Berlin, where education is so efficient that, for lack of similar advantages, Englishmen often find that the highest places in chemical technology, electrical engineering, metallurgy, and shipbuilding go to the better-educated Germans.

Every patriot must welcome this generous offer, and agree with Lord Rosebery that "it is little short of a scandal that our own able and

WHY SHOULD NURSES WAIT?

It is evident in relation to the efforts of those who are working for the State Registration of Trained Nurses that every attempt will be made to misrepresent their position and to depreciate their work. It is advisable, therefore, to remind all sections of nurses, as well as others interested in the question, that they will do well to abstain from forming conclusions as to the Bill which is now being drafted until they have an opportunity of studying it. After it has been submitted to the members of the Society for the State Registration of Nurses it will be sent to hospital committees and medical and nursing bodies asking for their consideration and suggestions. If this consideration is accorded to the Bill, the schools or societies concerned may rest assured that any suggestions they may make will be carefully considered; but the argument which is from time to time advanced that, because certain persons have not yet made up their minds as to the desirability of the Registration movement, those who have should wait until they secure the adhesion of all the waverers is so absurd that it cannot for one moment carry weight with anyone having a knowledge of practical politics. If the promoters of every Bill waited to introduce it into the House of Commons until all their opponents were of one mind with them very little legislation would be accomplished in this country.

SOCIETY CHARITY.

A correspondent writes, referring to our remarks on the human consumption of songsters and the advertising of these toothsome

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