

fore it many strong protests in considering the application of the financiers for the control of trained nurses. If the President of the Board of Trade could come into contact with nurses of all grades from the most recently certificated probationer to the Matrons of the principal training schools, he would then realise how deep and widespread is the aversion on all sides to this scheme. Even the "qualified nurse" of the Local Government Board did not arouse the indignation in nursing circles which this recent scheme "for our good" has done. Everywhere condemnation is long and loud; in fact, the general opinion seems to be that no alarm need be felt, for the Board of Trade could never sanction so preposterous a scheme. This view is a dangerous one, because until the application is definitely refused there is a danger of its being passed, and it behoves every one of us to bring whatever influence she can to bear to prevent this.

Amongst those who will be affected by the scheme are the private nurses, whose services are of the utmost value to the community, and many of whom retain the friendship and the confidence of members of the public whom they have served. It appears to me that they could do much at the present time to enlighten the Board of Trade, and I hope that each one will regard it as a duty to do whatever she can, not only for her own sake, but in the interests of those who will come after her. The Society of which I am the secretary has met to-day and unanimously passed a resolution opposing the incorporation of a Society which is dangerous to the personal liberty of nurses. It is to be hoped that other private nursing associations will do likewise.

I am, dear Madam,

Yours faithfully,

SOPHIA CARTWRIGHT,

Secretary, The Registered Nurses' Society.

To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."

DEAR MADAM,—As Her Majesty the Queen is Head of three of the most important Nursing Associations in the land—the Royal Naval Nursing Service, the Imperial Military Nursing Service, and the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute for Nurses—surely it would be justifiable to appeal to her about this terrible suggestion that City millionaires shall in future decree how we nurses who compose these national bodies are to be trained; also that they shall have complete power to remove our names from their Register when trained, and, indeed, have complete control of us. Surely the Councils and Committees of these powerful bodies will not allow the personal and professional liberties of their nurses to be thus taken out of their hands by a self-elected clique of persons, who do not and cannot know anything about our needs! We strongly protest against being placed under the control of Sir Henry Burdett and Sir Cooper Perry of Guy's Hospital, and those persons whom they may invite to join their despotic Council. I am glad to note that our General Superintendent, Miss Peter, is on our side, and feel sure if she started a protest against this monopoly that hundreds of Queen's Nurses would sign it. But if the Board of Trade does not listen to our objections, our Council might warn all Queen's Nurses of the danger they would run by placing their names on this Voluntary Register, from which they may be removed by a Committee of three, through the next issue of the *Queen's Nurses' Magazine*.

A QUEEN'S NURSE.

IS IT NURSING?

To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."

DEAR MADAM,—I observed some time ago that the lack of refinement in serving meals in one of the "large London Training-schools" was a surprise to an American nurse. May I inform your readers that I have lately, in my capacity of private nurse, been caring for a lady who was recently a patient in one of these superior institutions. As she was "only a fracture" she was ordered to perform her own ablutions; the only attention she received in this direction was that her back was occasionally scrubbed by the ward nurse with a piece of *house flannel*. Comment is superfluous.—Yours,

IS IT NURSING?

Comments and Replies.

We regret that owing to pressure upon our space we have been compelled to hold over other letters this week.

L. S., Hebden Bridge.—We should advise you to obtain a copy of the *Nursing Directory*, published at 11, Adam Street, Strand, price 5s., in which you will find the regulations of the principal training schools. When you have studied these, you should apply to the Matron of one or more hospitals, enclosing a stamped envelope for a reply, asking when there will be a vacancy, and if you can be accorded a personal interview, which is almost invariably essential. In many of the principal London schools the demand for vacancies is very great, and even if accepted you might have to wait for years for your turn. As the three years' standard of training is now practically accepted you would not be wise to enter any training-school which does not guarantee to give three years' training in the wards of the hospital.

Miss Ogden, Lancaster.—Try Shell Brand Floor Polish. The makers are Messrs. Archibald H. Hamilton and Co., Possilpark Paint Works, Glasgow, but you can obtain it through the leading oil and colour shops.

Three Years' Certificate.—Certainly we should advise you to obtain a certificate as a masseuse. You would find Mrs. Palmer's book "Lessons in Massage" very helpful. It is clearly written, and the illustrations are excellent.

Notices.

THE SOCIETY FOR STATE REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

All those desirous of helping on the important movement of this Society to obtain a Bill providing for the Legal Registration of Trained Nurses will find an application form on page iii. of Wrapper, or can obtain all information concerning the Society and its work from the Secretary, 431, Oxford Street, London, W.

Those nurses who are working on behalf of the above Society, and are endeavouring to spread knowledge as to its aims, may be glad to know that they can now obtain a Memorandum, giving briefly the reasons why Registration is necessary, from the Hon. Secretary, 431, Oxford Street, London, W. Price 6d. for 20 copies.

Those interested in the efficient organisation of nursing should procure the Annual Report of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses from the Hon. Secretary, 431, Oxford Street, London, W. Six copies, post free, 7d., or one copy 1½d. Gives a brief review of the history of State Registration of Nurses.

OUR PRIZE PUZZLE.

Rules for competing for the Pictorial Puzzle Prize will be found on Advertisement page viii.

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