

aims and objects as our Irish sisters. Your report of the businesslike work done by the Irish Nurses' Association should surely inspire us with a wish to emulate their success. Why do not our Matrons give us a lead as the Dublin Matrons did the Irish nurses some years ago. We Scottish nurses are out of everything, excepting Registration, and there we have only joined the Society for State Registration in tens where we should have joined in hundreds. Here north of the Tweed we do not seem in the nursing swim. I, for one, strongly object to the R.B.N.A. Bill, which attempted to deprive both Scottish and Irish nurses of any direct representation on their own Governing Body. But we have no society of nurses in Scotland through which to express our dissent—and time presses. We seem to have no leaders in the nursing world who have time to attend to our affairs.

AN EDINBURGH NURSE.

[Don't blame *others*. If half-a-dozen well-trained nurses feel with you, just meet and make up your minds to have an Association. The nurses' have friends amongst the Matrons—and they have some very powerful friends outside the profession. Amongst them Miss Louisa Stevenson, Miss Haldane, and Lady Helen Munro-Ferguson, all of whom have given much time to studying nursing from an educational and economic standpoint. Get the rules of the Irish Nurses' Association and see if they meet, or can be adapted to, the needs of nurses in Scotland.

One very important result of the association of nurses in Ireland is the dignified and kindly relation between the nurses and doctors, the latter give their moral support, and have most generously given real help when invited to do so. But they have most carefully avoided irritating interference in matters in which they consider that the nurses have a right to judge for themselves. The result is complete loyalty and harmony in the relations of the medical and nursing professions. Any other attitude of doctor to nurse is ungenerous and unjust and must result in the periodic volcanic eruptions which have made the R.B.N.A. a bye-word for injustice and mismanagement the whole world over.—Ed.]

IS IT JUST?

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

DEAR MADAM,—In relation to the letter signed "Common-Sense" in your issue last week, in which she points out that after three months' training she has obtained legal status as a midwife, while she has none after three years' training as a nurse, you ask "Is it just?" Decidedly no. I should like to ask the same question with relation to the fees of well-trained nurses and maternity nurses, who frequently have only two months' special training. The three years' certificated nurse when private nursing has, as a rule, a fee of £2 2s. a week. The monthly nurse gets from £10 10s. to £16 16s., and even £21 a month. Is that just? It does not seem so to me. What inducement is there to obtain a thorough training.

Yours faithfully,

JUSTICE.

Comments and Replies.

We are informed by Miss J. P. Jamieson, one of the members of the R.B.N.A., who stated at the recent meeting that she had not received a notice, that she learns from the secretary a notice was forwarded to her at an old address.

Miss M. Prichard, Kingston.—We are much obliged to you for your very kind letter.

Mrs. Atkinson.—You would probably find "District Nursing," by Miss Amy Hughes, price 1s., or "Outlines of District Nursing," by Miss M. Loane, price 1s. 6d., of use to you. If it is district midwifery you propose to undertake you should obtain the Rules of the Central Midwives' Board, published by Spottiswoode, 5, New Street Square, London, E.C., price 6d.

Miss H. Martindale.—We should advise you to write to Miss Gregory, Maternity Hospital, Woolwich, or to the Secretary of the Women's Total Abstinence Union, 4, Ludgate Hill, E.C.

Notices.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE STATE REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

Will those who have sent subscriptions to the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses this week kindly note that some little delay in their acknowledgment is unavoidable, owing to the pressure of business and to the illness of the lady who as a rule kindly attends to them.

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 iv. of cover, or can obtain all information concerning the Society and its work from the Hon. 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. Six copies, post free, 7d., or one copy 1½d. It gives a brief review of the history of State Registration.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

The Editor will at all times be pleased to consider articles of a suitable nature for insertion in this Journal—those on practical nursing are specially invited. The Editor will also be pleased to receive paragraphs, such as items of nursing news, results of nurses' examinations, new appointments, reports of hospital functions, also letters on questions of interest to nurses, and newspapers marked with reports of matters of professional interest.

Such communications must be duly authenticated with name and address, not necessarily for publication, but as evidence of good faith, and should be addressed to the Editor, 20, Upper Wimpole Street, London, W.

OUR PRIZE PUZZLE.

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

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