

thought matrons would be quite justified in intimating to the few who were so disloyal that they could not remain in the registered homes.

Mrs. Kelly, whilst sympathising, would like to know the exact legal position.

Miss Glover thought it would be better to make a compulsory registration fee of £2 2s., and cease charging an annual subscription.

Dr. Vance said that Miss Glover's suggestion would not meet current expenditure, which was about £400 a year.

Miss Glover said the expenditure could be reduced, and suggested that nurses who wished to have *Una* should pay for it.

The President was totally opposed to any such alteration so far as the journal was concerned. It would mean that the journal would have to cease, as it could not be carried on without the advertisements, which were inserted because it was sent to all financial members of the Association, in addition to being the organ of the Association, and so essential to its progress; it saved the Association almost all that it cost—viz., £100 per annum, which was less than 2d. a copy.

Dr. Stirling agreed. If the Association gave up its journal it might as well cease to exist.

The point about non-paying members who are nurses in homes may not be apparent to all our readers. It is this. Nursing homes in Victoria are registered only on condition that they employ nurses registered by the R.V.T.N.A. If any of these nurses cease subsequently to pay their subscriptions it may well be questioned whether they are still members. But we think the Association should be very careful in touching the economic conditions of nurses' labour. It has done splendid work in the past, but it is now coming face to face with the problem of registration by the State, because if, as a voluntary Association, it attempts to limit the earning capacity of nurses, and thus of necessity to create a monopoly in nursing, it will come perilously near interference with the liberty of the subject. Any body which imposes conditions under which nurses work, and may be excluded from work, thus affecting their power of self-support, should receive its authority direct from the State.

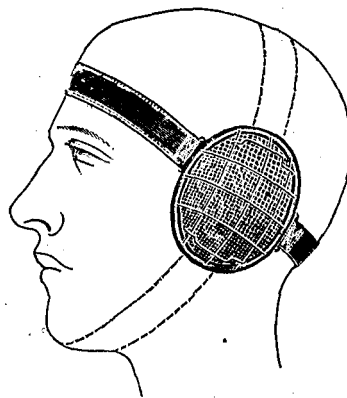
We entirely sympathise with the views expressed as to the paramount importance of a professional journal. It has been proved over and over again.

The prize offered by the Editorial Committee of *Una* for the best paper upon a practical nursing question had been awarded to Miss Elsie Wilso Legge. Miss Hilda Samsing had been placed second.

Practical Points.

An Aural Shield.

We are indebted to Mr. W. Stuart-Low, F.R.C.S., for permission to publish the accompanying illustration of the Aural Shield which he has designed and which obviates the necessity for the use of the head bandage after aural operations. The shield is lighter and more comfortable than a bandage, the head is also kept cooler than when a bandage is used and there is no accumulation of perspiration. The shield allows blood and discharges to get away from the immediate region of an operation thus diminishing tension in the wounded parts. Drainage and rapidity of healing are thereby facilitated. To assist this the patient is encouraged to lie on the operated side. The apparatus, which can



easily be washed, and sterilised by boiling at each dressing, consists of a light wire frame with a detachable inner wire netting. The band by which it is kept in position is of light perforated rubber, easily adjusted by means of small studs. As a rule one strap is found quite sufficient to keep the shield in place, but if necessary a second strap passed under the chin and over the vault of the head may be temporarily applied. The shield is made by Messrs. Mayer & Meltzer, 71, Great Portland Street, W.

Some Simple Remedies.

The following are some simple treatments that may be found useful, as given by the *Visiting Nurse's Quarterly Magazine*:—

Pediculosis: Saturate head and hair with equal parts kerosene and sweet oil, next day wash with solution of Potassium Carbonate (one teaspoonful to one quart of water) followed by soap and water. To remove "nits" use hot vinegar.

Favus, Ringworm of Scalp—mild cases: Scrub with Tr. Green Soap, epilate, cover with Flexible Collodion.

Severe cases: Scrub with Tr. Green Soap, epilate, paint with Tr. Iodine and cover with Flexible Collodion.

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