

monthly nurses: A "bottle baby" requires changing far more frequently than a breast-fed one, and it also requires more care to keep the former free from thrush. For all of these reasons, from the point of nurse, can there be two opinions as to which kind of feeding is least trouble to herself?

Yours faithfully,  
COMMON SENSE.

#### WOMEN'S FRANCHISE DECLARATION COMMITTEE.

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

DEAR MADAM,—May we once again call the attention of your readers to the Declaration which has been drawn up, and is being signed, in order to disprove the statement that women do not want the vote.

It originated with no political party, but with persons belonging neither to any political association, nor to any existing suffrage societies; and the Executive Committee includes women of many different shades of opinion. Several political associations, however, and all the suffrage societies have welcomed and greatly assisted the undertaking.

The Declaration may be signed by all women over 18, who are English, Scotch, Irish, or Welsh subjects. It is not a petition, and no woman need be debarred from signing it by having already signed a petition. It is intended, when a very great number of signatures have been received, to lay before the Government the names and number of women who have signed.

No date has been fixed for the completion of the work; but, for several reasons, it is convenient to receive signatures as soon as possible.

A careful register is kept, and no signature is counted twice over. Persons uncertain whether they have already signed need not, therefore, hesitate to do so.

The Declaration asks for the vote for women on the same terms as it is granted to men. That is, no attempt is being made to change the qualifications of the voter, but simply to do away with the existing disability of sex. We have signatures of women active in almost every department of women's work, and we are particularly anxious that the important profession of nursing should be adequately represented.

The Declaration runs thus:—

"I am desirous that women should vote in Parliamentary elections on the same terms as men."

CLEMENTINA BLACK,

Hon. Sec.,

Women's Franchise Declaration Committee.

23, Bouverie Street, E.C.

[It will be seen that the promoters of this Declaration do not seek to secure a new franchise, or to extend any existing franchises, but simply ask that the accident of sex shall not debar a person, otherwise qualified under the existing law, from voting at Parliamentary elections. Those who hold this opinion should sign the Declaration with as little delay as possible.—Ed.]

Other correspondence is unavoidably held over.

## Comments and Replies.

*Children's Ward.*—We have written to two members of the Matrons' Council, and asked them to kindly communicate direct with you.

"A Hopper."—Write to the Rev. F. G. Oliphant, Hon. Sec., Hop-picking Mission Committee, Teston Rectory, Maidstone. All the workers in connection with the Mission give voluntary help.

*District Nurse.*—Many nurses living in rooms and flats find gas stoves very convenient both for cooking purposes, and also in bed and sitting rooms. They are clean, can be turned out when not required, and can be quickly lighted, if unexpectedly wanted. Moreover, they are always tidy. The remains of a former fire in a cold grate is a cheerless greeting to a tired nurse when she arrives at home. When a gas fire is used there is quickly a welcome blaze.

*Charge Nurse.*—For a sulphur bath the proportions are half to one ounce of sulphuret of potash to each five gallons of water. A metal bath should not be used as it will be discoloured.

## The Nurses' Petition to the Prime Minister.

The Nurses' Petition to the Prime Minister respectfully pleading that the Government will undertake to introduce a Bill for the State Registration of Trained Nurses into the House of Commons next Session, will be found on page iii. of the cover of this Journal. Will all who wish to support this Petition, whether medical practitioners, nurses, or members of the public, cut out this page, sign the Petition, invite others to do so, and then post it to the Hon. Secretary, Nurses' Petition, 431, Oxford Street, London, W. Will our readers also make it known that anyone desiring to sign this Petition can do so at the above address. The time in which to organise the Petition is very short, so we hope all readers will help.

## Notices.

### THE SOCIETY FOR THE 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 can obtain all information concerning the Society and its work from the Hon. Secretary, 431, Oxford Street, London, W.

### CONTRIBUTIONS.

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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