

such. You will therefore agree that I had no right to publish it. In compliance with your wishes your letter of December 17th will appear in the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING next week.

I am, my Lord,

Your obedient servant,

ETHEL G. FENWICK,
Hon. Secretary.

To the Right Hon.

The Lord Inverclyde.

Castle Wemyss,

Wemyss Bay, N.B.,

12th January, 1910.

DEAR MADAM,—I am in receipt of your letter of 11th inst.

I cannot follow your reasoning, more particularly as the resolution which you were directed to forward to me was published in the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, and you therefore made it public without making my reply public.

I will be glad if you will also publish my letter to you of the 10th January, your letter to me of 11th January, and this letter, along with my letter to you of 17th December, in order that the correspondence may be complete.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

INVERCLYDE.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick,

Hon. Secretary,

The Society for the State Registration
of Trained Nurses.

The Society for the State Registration of
Trained Nurses,

431, Oxford Street, London, W,

January 14th, 1910.

MY LORD,—I beg to acknowledge your letter of 12th January, and regret that you do not follow the reasoning of my previous letter. It is simple.

Letters addressed to me in my capacity of Hon. Secretary of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses are, of course, not dealt with as if addressed to the Editor of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

Had your Lordship's reply to a communication from my Executive Committee stated that you wished your letter published in the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, with the consent of the President, it would doubtless have appeared, but your letter contained no such request, and I need not emphasise that the ethics of honourable journalism prohibit the publication of private communications. It is superfluous to add that any communication sent by your Lordship for publication, addressed to the Editor of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING will, space permitting, be at once inserted.

I am, my Lord,

Your obedient servant,

ETHEL G. FENWICK,
Hon. Secretary.

To the Right Hon.

The Lord Inverclyde.

[Reply from Lord Inverclyde, to which he refers in letter of 10th January.]

Castle Wemyss,

Wemyss Bay, N.B.

17th December, 1909.

DEAR MADAM,—I duly received your letter of 1st instant, and I regret that pressure of business has prevented my attending to it and replying sooner.

I need hardly say that I have no desire that there should be any inaccurate or misleading statement put forward by the Association for the Promotion of the Registration of Nurses in Scotland; and I have carefully noted the paragraphs to which your Committee take exception to, and I am afraid there must be some misapprehension on the part of the writer of the article in the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, which you are good enough to send to me.

In the article the following appears:—

"The unwarrantable statement has been made on page 20 of the Scottish Committee's pamphlet, that in Lord Amphil's Bill the Registration Council *only* represents the Nurses."

If you refer to page 20 of the statement issued by the Scottish Association you will find the following:—

"The Registration Council represents the nurses. It is difficult to discover the principle on which the other representation is based," etc., etc.

It is not stated by the Scottish Association that the representation on the Council in Lord Amphil's Bill is limited to nurses, and you will observe that there is no mention of *only* representing the nurses.

The following also appears in the article:—

"It is further stated in the pamphlet that the Select Committee proposed in its Report 'that no applicant for registration should be subjected to examination other than that of the training school.' We challenge the Committee to find any such recommendation in the Select Committee's Report."

If you refer to the Report of the Select Committee appointed to consider the expediency of providing for the registration of Nurses, which Committee was appointed in June, 1904, and re-appointed the following year, you will find the undernoted paragraph:—

"Your Committee recommend that the Central Body should admit to the Register of Nurses such nurses as have had a training at a recognised training school for nurses for a period to be determined by such body, and have satisfied their training school, whose certificate they must hold, stating that they are equipped with the knowledge and experience requisite for nursing, and that they are of good character."

I enclose for your perusal a copy of the statement issued by the Association for the Promotion of the Registration of Nurses in Scotland, and if you refer to pages 25 and 26 you will see that at the last Conference, held in London, the delegates from Scotland were willing to concede the matter of a one-portal examination, provided that the several parts of the United Kingdom were adequately represented, and that the principle of administrative decentralisation were not excluded.

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