

doing in your columns and in the *Glasgow Herald*, only noting in passing that Miss Stevenson believes "that fever training should not be compulsory" (may providence preserve the fever patients!), and that she is satisfied that "a supplementary fever register could no more cause confusion than the mental nurses' register or the male nurses' register"—a view for the expression of which in the *Glasgow Herald* I have been covered with confusion by Miss Stevenson's colleagues.

Yours faithfully,

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[A letter dealing with this question from Miss Stevenson is held over for want of space; it will appear next week, when E. G. F. will reply to Dr. A. Campbell Munro.—Ed.]

POLICY HOLDERS NO POWER.

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

DEAR MADAM,—Having read in your issue of October 8th your allusion to the proposed Memorial Home for Aged Nurses, for which Sir Everard Hambro, Chairman of the Royal National Pension Fund, is raising funds, may I give my experience? I have been a member of the Pension Fund for over nine years, but have only lately investigated, in any degree, the business methods of this Fund. On making inquiries, however, I find that the policy holders of this Insurance Company are inadequately represented, and that they have practically no control over the administration of the funds.

On receiving the subscription form for the proposed memorial I wrote to Sir E. Hambro inquiring how many votes a guinea would entitle a subscriber to. I was informed in reply, by the Pension Fund Secretary (who seems to be the only source of information from whom there is no appeal) that the details had not yet been decided, but that it was unlikely that the system of admission by votes will be adopted.

Presuming that the Memorial Fund (as is the case in the Pension Fund) will not be (in any degree) administered by the nurses, I am waiting until details are decided upon before subscribing; and, if I may suggest, it would be well for any of your readers who contemplate subscribing to investigate further before doing so, and to insist on having a voice in the administration of any funds they may contribute.

I enclose my card and beg to remain,

Yours faithfully,

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THE OPENINGS FOR NURSES IN THE MISSION FIELD.

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

DEAR MADAM,—It was with great interest that I read the account in my *BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING* this week of the meetings of the Nurses' Missionary League. Having lived abroad, I know how sorely the services of nurses are needed, they are so few in proportion to the millions of people who suffer needlessly for want of skilled help.

I think that partly the nurses in the Mission Field are few because it is only of recent years

that the great missionary societies have appealed for nurses. They have concentrated themselves upon the command of their Divine Master to "preach the gospel," and forgotten the equally imperative command to "heal the sick." In consequence their work has suffered. In my experience the mission work is most successful in which prominence is given to both these branches. The medical missionary and the evangelist must work side by side if the people are to be reached, and the doctor and the nurse are the evangelist's great ally. When we consider how great a portion of our Lord's ministry on earth was devoted to the relief of suffering and the healing of disease, it is strange indeed how slow His professed disciples have been to adopt His methods. But the outlook for the future is more hopeful.

I am, Dear Madam,

Yours faithfully,

A MISSIONARY NURSE.

THE NURSES' GOSPEL LEAGUE.

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

DEAR MADAM,—It is proposed to form a Society to be known as "The Nurses' Gospel League," and its object to be the free distribution of the gospel and gospel literature to the patients in the hospitals. Its finances will partly be provided by a weekly "penny" fund among nurses and partly by subscriptions, etc. Will those who have the love of Jesus within their hearts, and are interested in saving the souls of others, kindly send me their opinion of the proposed League, and any suggestions they can make for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom among the sick?

I am,

Your obedient servant,

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Comments and Replies.

Colonial Nurse, London.—To prevent the bites of mosquitoes, and therefore the danger of malaria, it is a good plan to wear two pairs of thin stockings, rather than one thicker pair, which, as you say, mosquitoes bite through. The reason of this is that the mesh of the stockings is rarely the same, and they thus form a much more effective barrier than a single pair of stockings of much thicker texture.

Enquirer, Glasgow.—The Central Committee for Registration of Nurses is composed of delegates of all the national societies supporting the principle of registration, under the chairmanship of Lord Ampthill; it thus focusses professional opinion on the registration movement. The Association for the Promotion of Registration of Nurses in Scotland is represented upon it.

Notices.

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