

who behave quite genteelly, let us pass their Bill." By no means. Their policy is, "Those that ask don't get, because it is rude to ask, and those that don't ask don't want." Now we have the Insurance Act, which we didn't ask for, did not want and were not consulted about, and as it touches the pockets of all who come within its scope, and means the handling of much money, people are keenly interested.

I see that Hospital Committees are wanting to unite to become an approved society for their employees, who, of course, include nurses. Nurses, take warning! band yourselves together for your own benefit. You have been exploited long enough by others, now show your good sense and join the Trained Women Nurses' Friendly Society so that all the money that you pay in may be used for your own needs. You may join any society you please, don't forget that. Stand shoulder to shoulder, take all the help you can get, but depend upon no one but yourselves; above all things, let us never forget that a man's promise to a man is generally kept, but a man's promise to a woman is usually—piecrust. In the meantime work your hardest for State Registration. If this wholesale betrayal of women by men does not arouse them to bestir themselves for their own protection, then I fear nothing will. When men deliberately break their given word, honour has become a very scarce commodity, and who are they that they dare say one word against women who are sacrificing everything for what they consider is just and right. I for one would rather be one of those window-smashers in gaol than one of those men who, by breaking his promise, has publicly forsworn himself. Nurses, do take this lesson to heart. Apologising for the length of my letter,

Believe me, Dear Madam,
Yours truly,

MARY BURR.

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THE GLASGOW MATERNITY HOSPITAL.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

MADAM,—It is sad that the Directors of so admirable an institution as the Glasgow Maternity and Women's Hospital, which serves the double purpose of the skilled treatment of lying-in women and the training of medical men and nurses, should be obliged to report at their annual meeting that, while an ever-increasing number of students and nurses from all parts of the world avail themselves of its teaching facilities, unless the capital funds still required, and a very substantial increase in the yearly income, are subscribed soon, the maternity work of the hospital may have to be curtailed in the near future.

I notice frequently that while hospitals which treat disease receive large bequests and donations, the committees of maternity hospitals are, as a rule, at their wits' end to obtain the necessary funds for their support; yet maternity hospitals

do a great work in the prevention of disease, both in mothers and children. The gynæcological wards of our general hospitals are filled with patients suffering from the result of improper treatment or want of care during childbirth; and our ophthalmic hospitals and blind institutions bear witness to the disastrous results of the neglect of attention to children's eyes at birth, though we must go a step back further than that even, to abolish ophthalmia neonatorum. Surely, hospitals which are endeavouring to maintain and raise the standard of national health are at least as worthy of support as those whose object is to cure disease.

Yours faithfully,

CERTIFIED MIDWIFE.

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(1) Maternity Nursing; (2) The Head, including the Eye, Ear, Nose, Mouth and Throat; (3) The Thorax (Heart and Lungs); (4) The Abdomen (The Digestive Tract, Kidneys and Bladder); (5) Gynæcological Nursing; (6) Splints and Bandages.

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