

starting another society with much the same objects.

Yours truly,
AN N.S.U. SECRETARY.

Cobham.

[Our correspondent claims too much for the N.S.U. It does not and cannot under its present constitution, provide for many of the items suggested in Mr. Pollitt's impracticable scheme. Just so long as the N.S.U. admits semi-trained women as associates, it cuts at the root of just professional organisation for thoroughly trained nurses. No National Association of Nurses can succeed unless membership is based on the one portal standard, and unless it is absolutely free from lay control. As a social factor the N.S.U. is doing useful work, and it is a pity an attempt should be made to change its character. We have referred to this question in our Editorial.—ED.]

DEAR MADAM,—I cannot conceive how Mr. Pollitt thinks that it is possible that in the proposed new nurses' society, "in every hospital, in every nurses' home, and in every institution, two nurses at a time, and taking the work in turns, will collect the penny weekly—not twopence a fortnight, or fivepence a month, because there would be a weakness in that—but weekly." Does he not know that in every hospital nurses are liable to be sent on night duty suddenly, or be moved to an infectious ward, or even to become ill, or have holidays? In this way many pennies would probably be lost.

In a private nurses' home such an arrangement would be impossible, as they are always more out than in; and it would also exclude all nurses working on their own account, as they would spend a penny each week in sending a penny! In most hospitals the staff are paid quarterly: why should it be a "weakness" to send the proposed subscription quarterly, or even yearly?

It must be remembered that comparison with workmen's penny hospital funds is hardly fair, as this amount is deducted from their wages, which are paid weekly, and with no trouble to the workmen.

Cambridge.

Yours faithfully,
AMETHYST.

TRAINING IN CANADA.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—Do you remember advising English girls who wished to take up nursing in Canada, to go to the Training School of the Winnipeg General Hospital? Perhaps you would be interested in one who acted on your advice.

I have now spent nine months here, as pupil nurse; and find the life all that could be desired. Every effort is made by the Lady Superintendent for the nurse's welfare.

I am sending you a photograph of the nurses' home; when the new hospital is finished I will send you a post-card of it. Our life here is less conventional, and there is less restraint than in English institutions—which does not mean we are in a state of anarchy.

The training is much more varied than at home, including as it does maternity, fever and district work.

I may say that I am keenly interested in nursing affairs at home; I eagerly look forward to the weekly mail that brings THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING. I specially appreciated the excellent accounts of the Cologne Conference.

I read the *Canadian Nurse*, too, with which our Lady Superintendent is associated on the editorial board.

Manitoba should soon be granting registration to its nurses, since the neighbouring province of Ontario has seen fit to do so.

With best wishes for the continued success of your paper,

Yours faithfully,
FLORENCE M. BLOY.
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General Hospital,
Winnipeg.

FROM THE HEART OF CANADA.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I am enclosing the sum of 9s., which I believe is the subscription, and will take the present opportunity of thanking you for all that you are doing for nurses as a body, and for all the help and encouragement which you give them. I am afraid you must get very weary at times. I think nurses have so strenuous a time on duty that they are apt to consider all outside their work as unimportant (comparatively), and that also they are not yet fully alive to the fact that they have become a very important body of women workers. I am quite sure, however, that future generations of nurses will call you blessed, when they are enjoying the fruits of your labours, and men have ceased using them as means to further their own ends, make their own fortunes, and blow their own trumpets. I am looking forward to San Francisco in 1915, and hoping that I may be able to be there.

With grateful thanks,
I am, yours sincerely,
LOUISE WOODNUTT.

Norwood, Manitoba, Canada.

[These are the sort of letters that make it worth while.—ED.]

OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS.

March 1st.—What care should a nurse give to engorged breasts.

March 8th.—How would you deal with a case of suspended animation after submersion in water?

March 15th.—What is the distinction between abortion, miscarriage, and premature labour?

March 22nd.—Describe the best method of flushing the bowel.

March 29th.—Give the general rule for the disinfection of each of the following in the case of infectious diseases: (a) Discharges and excreta; (b) Linen; (c) Utensils; (d) The Nurse's hands.

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