

confident that it only requires public attention to be drawn to the gross injustice possible to a noble profession under the existing law, to have it altered.

If those interested or sympathetic will only speak out between now and the report stage of the Bill, I have no doubt the necessary amendment of the law would appeal to the sense of justice of all parties in the House.

In my opinion, the Medical profession have also a strong claim for an Amendment in the existing law under which, as it is at present, their fees only rank as ordinary creditors. I think that for some considerable time before a receiving order is granted, their fees should rank with those entitled to priority of treatment.

Faithfully yours,

PATRICK WHITE.

House of Commons, S.W.

THE PRICE OF PROFESSIONAL PROBITY.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I am sending to you a letter, received by me last evening.

It seems to me disgraceful that nurses and nursing can be so degraded by a firm who are able to issue such a letter, &c. They must have obtained my name and address from the C.M.B. list, for I do not practise either midwifery or maternity nursing.

May I ask you to give this enclosure the utmost publicity?

If only we had "State Registration" it's a matter with which the "Nursing Council" would have dealt.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

AGNES E. RIDER.

14, Hertford Street,
Mayfair, W.

[We are not surprised that Miss Rider, who is a highly qualified Private Nurse, should be indignant concerning the action of the firm in question, who offer a commission to nurses in the following manner. In a communication from them is enclosed :—

1.—An entrance ticket to the Sixth Annual Nursing Conference and Exhibition.

2.—A sheet "puffing" the Toilet requisite for Babies provided by their company.

3.—A printed form on which the nurse who is prepared to take commission is to inscribe the names and addresses of her patients.

No. 2, after the usual "puff" of the requisite in question, states :—

"Our ambition is to let every mother know the value of ——— for her baby, and if you would let us have names and addresses of mothers recently attended by you, or expectant mothers that you have arranged to attend, we will send a sample with your compliments to each, and as a slight acknowledgment of your co-operation we will remit you on receipt of lists at the rate of 1s. for every dozen names. Special forms can be had

on application, although it is not essential that these should be used. Any list will do so long as it bears your name and address to which remittance is to be sent."

We have no hesitation in expressing the opinion that this circular is highly indecorous—and the estimation in which trained nurses are held by this firm can be gauged by the fact that it considers a Penny a Name and Address a sufficient bribe to offer in exchange for their professional probity! We advise Miss Rider and other trained nurses who receive and object to this insulting communication, to refer the matter to the Managers of the Nursing and Midwifery Conference and Exhibition. We cannot believe that the Matrons whose names have been so widely advertised as the Executive Committee can approve of this method of securing business.—Ed.]

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