

Christian Association. It does not admit Roman Catholics. It has no strict training qualification for membership as far as I know. It is therefore a religious and ethical, not a professional society.

The National Union of Trained Nurses is an undenominational society, with a central body in London and local branches. It has a business constitution and a democratic form of government. Hitherto its main, though by no means its exclusive work has been post-graduate teaching, and the training of its branches in self-government; but it has the necessary machinery for and is prepared to undertake any work for the good of the profession which may appear desirable. It admits members from all branches of the profession, irrespective of their training schools. It has quite distinct sections of membership:—

(1) For fully trained nurses.

(2) For certificated, but not fully trained, nurses and those working under trained supervision.

The governance is in the hands of the fully trained. This system is objected to by some, but to others it appears to be just in the present state of affairs. At all events, if nurses who desire a self-governing society join this particular Union they can help to mould it as seems to them right and best. It is the only society of the kind in England, and should not be confused with any other.

I suggest that your readers should consider the above statements, write to or call at the office of the society that appeals to them most, so as to obtain full particulars and then join in large numbers. It is only when a society of this description has a large membership that it can be effective. Nurses do not appear to realise that if they stand outside a society exclaiming that it does so little they are merely starting a vicious circle.

Yours faithfully,

INTERNATIONAL.

LOYALTY AND DISCIPLINE.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

MADAM,—We read much about the laxity of discipline, but who can wonder at it when a Night Sister sits at her little table and calls her colleague, the Home Sister, "a horrible woman" before the night staff, and states that "she pokes here and there and treats you like children" when she knows that the Home Sister is carrying out Matron's orders? Of course, a lot of lax nurses are pleased, rather than otherwise, to hear one superior officer depreciate another. Is it any wonder the night staff are rude to the Home Sister? or that they cause trouble to all the Sisters? Surely it is the duty of one superior officer to support the position of another, and not to run her down to her subordinates!

Yours,

TRUTH.

[Such unwise conduct is greatly to be deplored, and we agree entirely with the views of our

correspondent. Such lack of loyalty to a fellow Sister is sufficient to ruin the discipline of any institution. The truth should be placed before the Matron, so that she may have an opportunity of preventing further evil effects.—Ed.]

A PUBLIC DUTY.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—May I express my admiration for the brave women who endeavoured to call public attention to the danger to the community of allowing unregistered nurses to follow their vocation even after being convicted of serious crimes. Alas! that so good a cause should require so much championing. When I read of the unwearied efforts of our leaders in the nursing world, and how, after each defeat, they valiantly return to the charge, I feel that we cannot be too grateful for the many sacrifices they make on behalf of the profession. May our "ship come home" this year is the earnest wish of

Yours very sincerely,

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REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Soldier's Daughter.—The Nursing Service for the Indian Army is Queen Alexandra's Military Nursing Service for India. It was founded in 1887, Miss C. G. Loch being the first Lady Superintendent. Application for regulations, and application forms, should be made to the Under Secretary of State, India Office, Whitehall, S.W.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS.

February 28th.—What do you know of the following diseases:—(a) Rickets, (b) gastric ulcer? Describe the nursing appropriate to each, and the treatment you have seen prescribed.

March 7th.—Mention the fluids secreted in the body for the digestion of food. How do these fluids act upon the food constituents?

NOTICE.

Owing to the great amount of extra space devoted to reporting the Glasgow Nursing Conference, we regret that several important articles, letters, and comments, have been held over until next week.

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