

which most regard as purely professional questions. It is only when a shoe pinches that the wearer realises that it is not a perfect fit. So with nurses and nursing, it is only when some unpleasant experience comes into a household that it is realised that all is not well, and that *something* is required to put things straight. As long as nurses bring strength, and nursing comfort, into their homes, people will—if left uninterested and uninstructed—give no thoughts to a Bill in Parliament for the mending or ending of evils unknown to them. There are two organisations in Scotland whose object is the promotion of registration. I have not before me the report of the last meeting of the Association for the Promotion of Registration of Nurses in Scotland which, so far as I remember, is entirely favourable to the Bill (as it stands and without alteration) now before Parliament, so I am not in a position to make further remarks as to this Association's work. On looking at the newspaper report of the last meeting of the Scottish Nurses' Association, I find it stated that a sum of £130 had been placed to the credit of the Association in the bank. Further, the President is reported to have said that "They must do everything in their power to help forward the cause of legislation for nurses," and that "State Registration was, and always had been, the main object of the Association." I am not aware that a pamphlet has been published, lecture delivered, or meeting held, for the purpose of instructing and enlisting the interest of the public in Scotland. If registration is the Association's main object, why not use some of the funds for the purpose of promoting its main object? Saying and doing are different matters. It is the old story of "the willing horse." Energy as well as capability is required to accomplish every useful end.

I am,
Yours faithfully,
E. A. STEVENSON.

[As we reported last week a resolution in support of State Registration, and expressing the opinion that the need for it is *urgent*, was passed unanimously at Glasgow at the close of the Nursing Conference, but we agree with Miss Stevenson that all must put their shoulders to the wheel, if we are to command success—the more propaganda the better. We regret that owing to pressure on our space last week this letter was held over.—ED.]

PROFESSIONAL UNITY.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—As a member of the National Union of Trained Nurses, may I point out that the Union has a very definite policy with regard to the Nursing Profession—which it is endeavouring to carry out to its utmost power. Its aim is: "To promote by co-operation the effectiveness of the Profession," and through it the good of the community, and by "the formation of an

organization to enable Nurses as a united body to bring questions which concern them before the appropriate authorities." The Union seeks to include all trained nurses as Full members, partially-trained nurses are admitted as Associate members, but they have no voice in the government of the Union though their claims are always considered.

The N.U.T.N. is non-party and non-sectarian. The badges which it provides for its members (slightly different for Associates) distinguish to some extent the bona-fide nurses from those masquerading as such. It does not claim to be able to bring about reforms all at once, but it is certainly taking steps in the right direction, and we hope in time that the Profession will receive that recognition from the State for which many of us have been waiting for years.

The N.U.T.N. is represented on several important committees, amongst them the National Union of Women Workers, the National Health Council and others, and it has special correspondents in various parts of the world, so that information on subjects relating to all branches of the Profession can always be obtained from the Central Secretary, National Union of Trained Nurses, 39, Great Smith Street, Westminster, S.W., and I should advise your correspondent of January 31st, to apply for more particulars concerning the Union than I am able to supply.

Yours truly,
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REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

E. Horton, Ayrshire.—We can only find space for very short poems, so fear that mentioned by you is too long. Many thanks for suggestions.

Miss E. R. Sellers, London.—The Norland Institute, 10, Pembroke Square, W. (Principal Miss Isabel Sharman), and St. Mary's Nursery College, Belsize Lane, Hampstead, N.W. (Director and Founder, Mrs. Bernard Mole), both train educated girls as children's nurses. Some of the Day Nurseries, affiliated to the National Society of Day Nurseries (Crèche Inspector, Miss Dawson), 39 Treadgold Street, N. Kensington, W., also give training. Apply for terms and prospectus, enclosing stamped envelope for reply.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS.

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

March 14th.—In what position will a bed-patient suffering from dyspnoea find greatest relief? State all that a nurse may do in devising comfortable support for the patient, and in what ways his position may be changed from time to time.

March 21st.—What are the duties of a nurse in the care of an infant for twenty-four hours after birth?

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