

Committee of trained nurses goes to prove that even with a small membership all legitimate sickness claims can be fully met, and a substantial sum saved in a few years, which can be eventually applied to giving additional benefits, or to any other object decided upon. Nurses have now, for the first time, the opportunity of managing their own finances under a State scheme of insurance; and if they are wise they will keep control of their own insurance societies.

Another essential to the well-being of any profession is a voice in the public press—both because such a journal is the principal factor in guiding public and professional opinion, and because any profits made from its sale should be a financial asset at the disposal of the profession concerned, and not of enterprising publishers.

In the case of a journal which is a trade venture, with no responsibility to the *clientele* for whose support it caters, it is manifest that when commercial and professional interests clash, the latter are submerged. Nurses can only safeguard their interests by keeping the control of both.

To show what an asset such a journal is in the hands of a profession, I need only instance the fact that at the close of the last financial year the *British Medical Journal*, the official organ of the British Medical Association, had received many thousands of pounds from advertisements. The power and prosperity of this Journal are built up on a very sure foundation, and it well deserves all its influence and success. On the professional side, the Journal is in the hands of a medical editor, and its pages are full of valuable articles contributed by the members. The balance sheet is published annually in the pages of the Journal.

Our American colleagues also have well understood the importance of an organ in the Press; and the *American Journal of Nursing*, which is owned by the National Association of Nurses in America, stands for high ethical, professional, and educational standards, and is a force in the country from the Atlantic to the Pacific, besides having attained financial prosperity.

Its success is due to the solidarity of the nursing profession in the United States and to the loyalty and professional conscience of its members.

The nursing profession in every country should take pains to secure such valuable assets; and it is not a tribute to its perspicacity if, for lack of solidarity or from lethargy, it allows them to pass into the hands of lay exploiters.

As a rule, I am somewhat inclined to agree with the late Bishop Creighton, who is reported to have said that only one more Society was needed—one for the abolition of all others; but I hope I have said enough to demonstrate the necessity for a Trained Nurses' Economic League, both that nurses and the public may be educated in nursing economics, and to safeguard the professional and financial interests of the Nursing profession.

I have great pleasure in submitting the proposition that a Trained Nurses' Economic League be now formed.

The discussion will be reported next week.

ROYAL RED CROSS.

His Majesty the King has been pleased to award the Decoration of the Royal Red Cross to the following ladies:—

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Principal Matron, Miss N. Fletcher.

THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING offers warm congratulations to all the recipients of this much coveted honour.

The nursing profession in this country are supremely conscious of the magnificent work done quietly and unostentatiously by their colleagues in the Naval and Military Nursing Services, as well as by civilian nurses, for the sick and wounded, and have learnt with profound pleasure that the King has recognised this work by the bestowal of the Order of the Royal Red Cross upon those

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