

allowances. This latter salary we hope soon to have increased, as the matter is at present under consideration.

The administration of the New Zealand Army Nursing Service is in all other respects on the same lines as that of the Canadian Service with executive control by the Matron-in-Chief, who will be responsible to the D.M.S.

So far the professional relationship between the N.Z.M.C. and the N.Z.A.N.S. has proved quite satisfactory and in the best interests of the sick and wounded.

"MAORILAND."

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I venture to write a few lines in answer to a "Pukka Red Cape" on the subject of Officers' Rank for Military Nursing Sisters in your September 15th number of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

I entirely disagree with her statement that British Sisters work without either rank or position.

Surely our position is what we make it ourselves.

How would rank in any way make us better women, better nurses, or more respected by our soldier patients?

How would it heighten our ideals or make us more fitted for the posts we fill?

I myself have been working in France since 1914, and can clearly see that our position is entirely in our own hands, and that it is what we are ourselves that can claim for us that respect due to our womanhood and our nursing profession.

[We owe much to our Matrons-in-Chief, to the members of the Nursing Board. Their task would be made lighter if there was less controversy, less striving for honours, and more *esprit de corps* and loyalty among us all.

Yours faithfully,

A TERRITORIAL SISTER.

B.E.F., France.

[Does this Sister approve of the Serf Clause? It is enforced by the Nursing Board and the Matrons-in-Chief.—ED.]

#### SOCIAL PATRONAGE OBJECTED TO.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR EDITOR,—I, too, am feeling very indignant at the consummate cheek (commonly speaking) of this would-be organiser daring to interfere with the profession of nursing. I for one protest against women of so-called social standing putting forth their schemes of charity to assist us; we will manage our own affairs. Fully-qualified women nurses are the only women whom we will suffer to organise for us; no lay helpers admitted, thank you. May I suggest to those social ladies their help and energies might be accepted at the "Infants Welfare Centre," where they could help under trained supervision. But they could not take the lead there, that explains their scarcity in the I. W. C.'s. I am out and out for State Regis-

tration, and more than admire the committee who have been fighting a lifetime for the Cause. Success to you all! We will win. Stick it! I am longing for the next *B.J.N.*

A STATE REGISTRARIONIST,

I. N., Queen's Nurse.

Please find enclosed P.O. 6s. 6d. to aid The Cause.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—*Re the Daily Sketch* insult. Let working nurses, as soon as they get the vote, make a clean sweep of all these demoralising influences which undermine our economic stability. May I recommend the Actresses' Franchise League to render like service to the women in their own profession. Anyway they have no right to interfere with us.

Yours sincerely,

A SCHOOL NURSE WHO EARNS  
HER OWN BREAD.

#### THE NATIONAL PARTY.—A BROTHERHOOD OF PATRIOTS.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—My Committee welcome your kind reference to the National Party in your issue of September 22nd, and we desire to emphasise the fact that we are anxious to receive women equally with men into the "Brotherhood of Patriots." We believe that our greatest strength will come from the support of those who have hitherto stood "outside the charmed circle of party politicians," in a great effort to gain honest administration, clean politics, and a happier and healthier country when victory has been won.

We shall be glad of the co-operation of all men, and women, and particularly of all those, who like most of your readers, freely give service to their country.

Faithfully yours,

E. G. POOLE,

Secretary (*pro. tem.*).

22, King St, St. James',

London, S.W. 1.

26th September, 1917.

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