

seldom quite the truth. A meeting of the League Council was held at the Leicester Royal Infirmary on Wednesday, April 17th, the chief business of which was "to make arrangements for the annual meeting." Miss Vincent was in the chair. She made no proposal "to raise objections to our continuing to support our own Bill at our next annual meeting." On the other hand, she expressed a hope that there might shortly be a united Bill. The true facts of the rumour which has reached "A Member of the Leicester League" are these: Miss Vincent was under the impression that the League was affiliated to the Society for State Registration. Many of the League members have joined the College. To avoid dissension in the League, Miss Vincent proposed to bring forward a resolution at the annual meeting to the effect that the League should cease to be affiliated to the Society for State Registration, and leave its members free to join whichever society they approved. A copy of the resolution was sent to the President, who wrote, saying the League was not affiliated to the Society for State Registration, but to the National Council. Miss Vincent at once withdrew her resolution, with a hope that "all might now be peace."

Yours truly,

E. G. WALDRON,
Hon. Secretary of the Leicester
League.
Not a Member of the College.

[The Leicester Royal Infirmary Nurses' League has in the past been a body of women keenly interested in the organisation of Trained Nursing by the State. It therefore stood firmly for State Registration and supported the policy of the Society for the State Registration of Nurses, on the Executive Committee of which it has been represented for many years, and approved the Bill governed by an *independent* Nursing Council. The Society has not altered its policy or principles, there was therefore no reason for Miss Vincent, the present Matron, and an avowed anti-Registrationist, to tamper with the reasoned convictions of the League, and have it dissociated from the Society for State Registration, now she professes to have become convinced of the necessity for a reform she has so long opposed. Moreover, if, "to avoid dissension," the League was to have dissociated itself from the State Registration Society, then, as a member of the League, it would be Miss Vincent's duty to dissociate herself from the College of Nursing, Ltd., and resign her seat on its Council. The truth is that the undue influence being exercised by hospital officials to break up the self-governing professional organisations of nurses, is one of the most reprehensible acts of tyranny in this long fight for their independence, and to hope that "all might now be peace" is futile so long as this form of coercion continues in our Nurse Training Schools, as focussed in the College Company. We are not going to submit to be governed by a Limited Company of laymen, and there will be no peace

till those prepared to betray our rights and privileges, as skilled, self-supporting wage-earners realise it. Charity, dependence, enslavement—that is the programme which the domineering men who drafted the archaic College Constitution, and who personally control it, intend to enforce. We real registrationists intend to do ourselves the honour of defeating their ignoble policy.—Ed.]

NATIONAL BABY WEEK COUNCIL.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—The National Baby Week Council is anxious to enlist once more, for this year's campaign, the help of Doctors, Nurses, Midwives, Health Visitors and all other workers for Infant Welfare, to whose generous and whole-hearted co-operation the success of Baby Week last year was so largely due. The Council is aware that under present circumstances it is difficult for anyone to shoulder additional burdens, but our work is so urgent that we venture to ask that your readers will give us whatever help lies in their power.

Leaflets giving suggestions for a week's, week-end's or day's celebration may be had from this Office, and all possible help will be given in arranging for speakers, &c. Now is the time to form local Committees and commence operations. May I take this opportunity of suggesting to your readers that in districts where new Infant Welfare Centres or Day Nurseries are required, the publicity and interest aroused by the holding of Baby Week Celebrations might be a good means of bringing the need before the public. Practical help can be obtained from the Children's Jewel Fund, which gives grants up to 50 per cent. of the initial and first year's running expenses towards new organisations or new developments of existing Centres. The Administrative Committee of this Fund is a Sub-Committee of the National Baby Week Council, and I shall be glad to send a copy of the Scheme on application.

Yours faithfully,

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Secretary.

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NOTICE.

The Editor thanks those readers who have been good enough to send her marked newspapers and cuttings *immediately* items of known interest appear. She urges all those interested in keeping the B.J.N. up to date to continue this most valuable help, as the sooner news is to hand the better in these days of difficulty in producing newspapers, the cost of which is now almost prohibitive.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITION.

QUESTION.

May 18th.—What are the essential points in the nursing of a case of cut throat, and what complications should you be on the look out for?

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