

endeavour must win this battle in the end. Let us devote all our time, and what talents we individually possess, in pushing ahead and pleading our own cause with the new, and let us hope, enlightened Parliament. A fig for the College.

Yours faithfully,
HENRIETTA HAWKINS.

SUPPLEMENTAL REGISTERS CUT AT THE ROOT OF EFFICIENCY.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—For some time past I have been taking every week both *The Nursing Mirror* (a great waste of time and money.—Ed.) and THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING. I have been greatly impressed by the spirit of ill-feeling which appears to exist between the promoters of "The College of Nursing, Ltd.," and "The Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses," both of which Societies claim to be out for the benefit of the Trained Nurse.

The controversy which revolves around the question of Supplementary Registers need never have existed if the training of nurses had been properly organised.

Is it not possible for some form of affiliation to exist whereby the General Hospitals and the Special Hospitals could co-operate for the benefit of their nurses?

I myself have done two years in a Fever Hospital and four years in a large General Hospital.

Would it not be an economy in time and energy, to introduce a five years' course of training, so that nurses could train in all branches of nursing including maternity and massage?

If a doctor can qualify in five years, why not a nurse? And the result would be a thoroughly well-trained nurse, and would also do away entirely with Supplementary Registers. Why not strike at the very root of the trouble.

I should be very pleased to hear the opinions of other nurses on this subject.

Could you kindly give space in your paper for the publication of this letter?

Yours faithfully,
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[Our correspondent has presumably not read the Bill drafted by the professional Body—the Central Committee for State Registration of Nurses—which provides for a system of reciprocity of training and registration of Nurses, which she advocates. She is also in error concerning what she terms "ill-feeling" between the Society for State Registration and the College of Nursing, Ltd. The former Society composed of certificated Nurses, has had no direct communication with the College of Nursing, excepting through the Central Committee, with which it is affiliated.

The provision in the College Bill to take power to establish unlimited Supplementary Registers of specialists, cuts at the root of the one portal system through a central examination of thoroughly qualified nurses, which it has promised them to

support, and if conceded by Parliament makes State Registration of the efficient absolutely useless to professional nurses. It is high time the private nurses held a meeting in London and showed a little "ill feeling" against the type of legislation being promoted by the College—the entire Council of which is composed of hospital officials—which provides for unlimited competition with them as "registered" nurses, of every type of semi-trained woman.—Ed.]

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British Sister working in France:—"I read with horror the account of the Victory Ball in the B.J.N. We Sisters are still caring for sick and wounded, and saddened by the tragedy of the War. Words fail to express my indignation at the impudent attempt made by sundry persons to foist the College of Nursing upon a profession already sufficiently exploited. The profession is fortunate in its champion, however. Long may you be our St. George and may the fate of the College be that of the dragon."

Nurse Mary Lawson, Edinburgh:—"The one thing of all others I detest about the College policy is the attempt to make us believe nothing has been done on the Registration question with any success until it 'came to the rescue.' Nothing can be more untrue. If the 'Antis' had not interfered we should have had our Bill through last Session, as we got it through the House of Lords. This policy is as mean as it is unvarnished."

"Laywoman."—"I have been studying your paper at my club the last few weeks, and realise how necessary it is for the women who do not earn, to understand the professional woman's point of view. I fear we have trodden on many toes during our ardent war work."

[You have.—Ed.]

A STATEMENT TO BE READ.

A Statement issued under the authority of the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses, has been published as a four page foolscap leaflet, the object of which is to explain the reason for the existence of two Nurses' Registration Bills instead of one, to point out the difference between the Bills, and to discuss their merits. The Statement can be obtained by application to the Hon. Secretaries, Central Committee, 431, Oxford Street, London, W.1., and enclosing a stamp for 1½d.

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