

conditions of service, the raising of the profession and the bringing home to each member a sense of her own responsibility and the nobility of her own individuality, as a human being, responsible to the whole body politic.

It is easy to prophesy, but I shall be surprised if the Irish Nurses' Union does not shortly become an important and influential body. Most earnestly do I trust that our other Associations may not attempt to stand in the way, as elder Associations so often do, of this new and promising development. We are all apt to forget at times that there is more than one road to victory.

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A NURSES' SANATORIUM.

DEAR EDITOR,—It has come to my knowledge that a scheme for the benefit of Nurses suffering from tuberculosis has been suggested.

Speaking from personal experience, I can affirm that a sanatorium for nurses would be more than appreciated.

Three years ago I was nursing in a Military Hospital, when through overstrain I had a serious breakdown in the form of pleurisy with effusion, and on being examined was found to be suffering from tuberculosis. It was suggested that sanatorium treatment would be necessary.

I went to have treatment at a very good sanatorium, and in order to do so, had to supplement the Insurance allowance.

Needless to say, this made great demands on my savings, which I could ill afford.

After a year's treatment I was able to continue work at the seaside with convalescent soldiers for two years, when, on contracting influenza, I had a return of my old complaint and am now forced to undergo another course of treatment.

I am now in one of the sanatoria to which patients are sent under the Insurance Act, and although everything is done for our comfort and well-being that is possible in a very mixed and large community, and everyone is very kind, there are many things about such a life which rather impede than help a nurse's progress. Such as for instance the noise, the interminable discussions about temperature, sputum, diet, family histories, &c., with all of which subjects the nurse is, unhappily, too conversant.

There is also the fact to be taken in consideration that most nurses find the treatment rather drastic to begin with. In some sanatoria they are expected to get up at half to seven winter and summer and remain out of bed until 8.30 p.m. This seems a long day to a nurse, who has contracted tuberculosis through being run down by overwork and long hours, and she is very tired by the end of it.

Yours,

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KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

Old Registrationist :—“ I did not sleep a wink after you telephoned me the splendid news that at last after all these years our Bill had got a place in the ballot. It seemed too good to be true. Now pray God this long struggle may end. It is a very grave reflection upon Parliament we are so far behind other countries.”

Scottish Nurse :—“ May I suggest that as the College of Nursing, Ltd., has refused to support the parent Nurses' Registration Bill, and are attempting to have Parliament adopt its own Bill, that it be made quite clear to the new Parliament that the Central Committee's Bill is the Nurses' Bill, and the College Bill is the Matrons' Bill, as a Council of twenty-two Matrons have helped to draft the latter measure without consulting the nurses, and the Nurses' Organisations object to absolute control by hospital Matrons, deeply as they revere those who have stood by their demand for co-operative representation.”

“ Irish Nurse ” writes from Dublin :—“ Here we Nurses are wondering what will be the result of all our unrest. One thing is sure—should the College Bill as it stands become law, only the College clique will place their necks in its noose. Irish Association Nurses, and Irish Trade Union Nurses will never submit to it. We made that plain to the College delegates from London when they came along here to tell us ‘ The College had come to stay whether we wanted it or not.’ We won't be governed from St. Thomas's Hospital, London, and we will have an Independent Governing Body—through a Bill for Britain and Ireland—or we will have an Irish Bill as the Midwives have.”

(Many Scottish Nurses have come to the same conclusion. No College monopoly. An independent Governing Body, through a conjoint Bill, or a Scottish Nurses' Bill, as the Midwives have. We are informed on good authority that the present House of Commons is in no temper to grant a monopoly to any Company to control a class of workers; quite the reverse, especially as the overwork and underpay of nurses has at last been permitted to become public through the Press! The more every nurse who loves fair play impresses her objections to College autocracy on members of Parliament, the better. The arrogant attitude of its Executive, bolstered up by charitable finance, becomes more and more apparent every day.—Ed.)

OUR PRIZE COMPETITION.

March 22nd.—Give the nursing treatment of a child, aged six years, with diphtheria. Mention the complications which may arise.

March 29th.—Describe how to organize, and the daily routine of a special Sanatorium for Nurses suffering from tuberculosis.

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