

### KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

Manchester Nurse :—" I note that our M.P.s are amongst those helping the College to wreck our Bill in the House of Commons by putting down several contentious amendments on Report stage. I for one thank 'Politician' for his admirable advice last week, and am already acting upon it. I work amongst the proletariat, the majority of whom have several votes under one roof, and they are all on the side of 'our nurse.' If at the dictation of the M.R.I. authorities our Bill is wrecked, we shall have something to say at the next election. Every 'wrecker' must be noted and pilloried. After waiting all these years and working and giving every penny we can spare to forward State Registration, to have these autocratic hospitals (united in the College of Nursing) ruin our splendid chance of success would indeed be justification for a Nurses' revolution. Anyway, let us take to heart the story of the mouse and the lion—if the mice begin to nibble the lion of liberty will soon ramp through the toughest net."

Indignant Matron writes :—" The way you are rousing up the nurses is a shame. I cannot get probationers, and even the best training schools cannot get the type of girl they require. . . . As for that 'Politician' and his trade union advice, let him keep it to himself—we want none of it in the nursing world. I am glad to hear that the hospital chairmen in the House of Lords intend to make mincemeat of the Central Committee's Bill if it ever gets there."

[We can well believe it.—Ed.]

Miss C. Gardiner, Birmingham; Miss K. Jones, Cardiff; Miss Amy Porter, Stratford; Miss Fanny Bennett, Nottingham; Mrs. Geary, London, and several Sisters and Nurses wish to thank "Politician" for his letter in last week's issue. All these nurses are "most bitterly" indignant at the circular letter issued by the Council of the College of Nursing, Ltd., inviting the nurses on its Register to wreck the Nurses' Registration Bill. A Barts Nurse writes :—" It is a blot on the escutcheon of Barts that this infamous document is signed by a member of our League; it is enough to make its Founder turn in her grave."

Private Nurse :—" I am giving up nursing and qualifying in new work. What with Nation's Fund snobbery and College tyranny, I intend to get out of it before it is too late."

Two Sisters :—" You will be amused—Edith and I are going on the land. You know how fond we are of animals. All this V.A.D. business has given us the 'pip.'"

F.F.N.C. Sister :—" I am more disgusted than I can say, when reading the College Press, at the machinations that are going on with regard to our Bill. It is lamentable that so many nurses should be content to read only one side of the question, and do not give themselves the trouble, or have so little intelligence that they do not attempt to find out the facts on the other side. It astonishes one that they are not *indignant* at the attitude taken by the hospital authorities,

who bar the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING from the nurses' sitting-room, as if we nurses had no right to opinions of our own, or to exercise our own judgment."

[This Sister was trained at a hospital where an applicant for the matronship had to promise the Committee she would not attend a State Registration or Suffrage meeting! We learned on enquiry that no such stipulation was exacted from the kitchen maids, whom she had to control!—Ed.]

A Manchester Man :—" May I suggest that it should be made a penal offence for hospital employers to induce their salaried staff to sign such an Agreement as that of the College of Nursing, Ltd. It is a gross abuse of power, as the College Council, which may include the Matron, may ruin their nurses' professional careers, by removing their names from the register without any appeal. The fashionable lawyers of this Council recently threatened a nurse in this city with a libel action, and had the *impertinence to command her to attend at the solicitor's office to have the writ served upon her!* Of course, she did not go."

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June 28th.—Describe the nursing of a case after the removal of adenoma.

July 5th.—What would you get ready for a surgeon who wished to make a vaginal examination? How would you prepare the patient?

July 12th.—Describe the nursing of a case after the excision of the tongue.

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