

of any kind requiring support from the majority of those concerned, will be able to realize the intense dissatisfaction which must prevail amongst a body of workers, before it results in a decision to strike.

That nurses should strike is lamentable; that they should be reduced to the necessity (even if only in their own opinion) to strike, is a grave reflection on the particular administration which is responsible.

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#### KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

*Miss G. Le Geyt.*—I send my subscription for the beloved *B.J.N.* . . . I really find the JOURNAL more absorbing every week.

*Glasgow Nurse.*—“May I thank you for the exhaustive report given in your excellent journal of our P.U.T.N. meeting in Glasgow. It was a pity the matrons did not attend to hear the ‘heart to heart’ speeches. I enclose my subscription for *B.J.N.*”

MERELY A MATRON-HOUSEKEEPER.

*Teaching Sister.*—“I don’t see why a Matron should be merely a Matron-Housekeeper because a Sister-Tutor is appointed. At this small hospital I have acted in conjunction with the Matron as Teaching Sister, and there is no doubt the probationers have found the benefit of practical help. We make a very great point, as you recommend, of perfection in practical nursing, and marks are awarded for splints, bandages and needlecraft needed in nursing. It is sad to see grown women such bogglers with the needle, as many probationers are these days. I go in for ‘quizzes’ on the American plan.”

MINISTER OF HEALTH OUR CHIEF.

*Esther Morris.*—“From the Sheffield papers the propaganda of the College of Nursing Company claims that it is the authority for organizing the nursing profession. The nurses must not be led astray by these pretensions. This will be the duty of the General Nursing Council; and the Minister of Health, not the chairman of the College Company, is to be our Chief—according to Act of Parliament.”

DOWN WITH DOLES.

*Long Time Subscriber.*—“As the Matron of our County Hospital has issued an appeal in support of the *Daily Telegraph* Shilling Fund for Nurses, of which my daughter, who is a trained nurse, most strongly disapproves, I have determined to discontinue my annual subscription to that institution. My friends will do likewise. The nursing staff were never consulted, and will have to contribute whether they wish to do so or not. I was pleased to read the instructive letter in the “*Woman’s Leader*.” [We hope our correspondent will give her reasons to the Committee.—ED.]

*D.C.H., Southend.*—“I sent the *B.J.N.* reporting the Nurses’ Protest against the Shilling Fund to my brother who is in the Navy, and asked him not to contribute, as trained nurses did not want charity, but self-government under decent economic conditions, and said that the *Daily Telegraph* refused to publish both sides of the question. I have also forwarded last week’s ‘Down with Doles,’ and the admirable verses, and added: ‘May you ever be spared the ministrations of “Nurse Juliet.”’”

(We advise self respecting nurses who have relations or friends in the Navy and Army to let their objections be known—as the *Daily Telegraph*, and other newspapers are determinedly boycotting their opinion and thus misleading their readers.—ED.)

*Hospital Sister.*—“It seems almost incredible but nurses do take gifts from patients in this hospital. We take better-class patients, farmers, etc. I found one of my nurses was accepting fresh butter from a patient’s wife, and money has also been accepted. This is a hotbed of ‘College,’ and as the College Council is advocating begging from military patients and others, what is the difference? This shilling appeal is most demoralising.”

(We see no difference. If the Matron of the hospital supports the principle of nurses begging from patients, outside the hospital, she cannot punish the nurses for taking tips inside it. Nothing could be more unethical and degrading.—ED.)

MONEY GIVEN FOR SICK AND WOUNDED.

*Soldier’s Mother.*—“As I note in the *D.T.* that the Red Cross are going to erect the College of Nursing, this means that money given to the sick and wounded will be used. No need to collect at sergeants’ messes and before the mast for shillings, as this luxury building will cost those who fought and suffered in the war thousands of pounds.”

#### REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

*Scotia.*—No replies can be inserted to anonymous correspondents. Name and address must always be enclosed, not necessarily for publication.

MACCALLUM v. SIR HENRY BURDETT.

We have received numerous letters commenting upon our report of the meeting of the Nurses’ Co-operation on February 10th, but as the libel action of MacCallum versus Burdett, the Scientific Press, Ltd., and Messrs. Eyre & Spottiswoode, Ltd., printers, is impending at an early date, we have decided to publish no letters on this controversy which are not signed.

#### OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS.

QUESTIONS.

*March 6th.*—In what cases may profuse sweating occur as a prominent symptom?

What are the causes of this sweating, and what its special nursing?

*March 13th.*—How would you feed a baby, eight months’ old, after an operation for intussusception?

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