

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

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**PROFESSIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES, GLASGOW.**  
SCOTTISH NURSES WISH FOR TRAINED NURSE AS REGISTRAR.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

MADAM,—I am instructed by my committee to forward the enclosed copy of a resolution which they sent to the General Nursing Council on May 31st, 1920.

Yours faithfully,

C. H. MCARA, *Hon. Sec.*

“Scottish Members deplore the action of the General Nursing Council (Scotland) in offering the post of Registrar to other than a trained nurse. They strongly recommend that the appointment be limited to a trained nurse with administrative ability, and conversant with the standards of nursing education. Further, they recommend that the appointment be advertised in the Nursing Press as well as the daily Press and the Medical Press.”

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Anderston, N.B.

**RECIPROCAL REGISTRATION WITH AUSTRALIA.**

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR EDITOR,—You must get tired of all the thanks and congratulations that have been showered on you, but you must feel confident that you have the admiration and gratitude of the nursing world.

I am anxious to become a “registered nurse” in England as soon as possible. Could you please let me know, perhaps through the medium of the journal, how to go about accomplishing this? The information will then be useful to others.

I am a life member of the R.B.N.A., also the A.T.N.A. Will that be any help?

I regret to trouble you and perhaps had I read THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING intelligently it would not be necessary to make these inquiries. There may be others though as stupid as I.

With many thanks,

I remain, yours truly,

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Fremantle, West Australia.

[We have already received several letters from Nurses in Dominions Beyond the Seas, making enquiries on “How to register.” This pleases us greatly, proving that we must have reciprocal registration with the nurses in such Dominions as soon as possible to knit up British nurses throughout the world.

In New Zealand, in the Canadian Provinces and in States of United South Africa, systems of State

Registration are in force; but we deeply regret that throughout the Commonwealth of Australia, with the exception of the State of Queensland, registration is carried out through voluntary, not State, organisation, so that until Nurses trained in Australia are registered by Act of Parliament in the Commonwealth, they are not eligible to register in England.

Here we have a forcible lesson of the value of co-ordination by State control.

Our Act provides:—

Section 6 (1) Any person who proves to the satisfaction of the Council that he has been registered either generally as a nurse for the sick, or as a nurse of some special class in any part of His Majesty's Dominions outside the United Kingdom, being a part of those dominions to which this section applies, shall be entitled, on making application in the prescribed manner, and paying such fee, not being greater than the fee payable on ordinary applications for registration under this Act, as the Council may demand, to be registered in a corresponding manner under this Act.

(2) This section applies to any of His Majesty's Dominions as respects which the Council are satisfied:—

(a) That there is in force therein an enactment, or a provision of any kind having the force of law; providing for the registration of nurses under some public authority.

(b) That persons registered under this Act are admitted to the register established under the said enactment or provision on terms not less favourable than those contained in sub-section (1) of this section; and

(c) That the standard of training and examination required for admission to the register of nurses established under the said enactment or provision is not lower than the standard of training and examination required under this Act.

We advise Australian Nurses to insist upon their Registration Bills receiving attention from their Legislatures. They have been turned down for several sessions—and as nurses have the vote, they must rise up and use it.—ED.]

**PREVENTION OF VENEREAL DISEASE.**

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—May I suggest to the Society for the Prevention of Venereal Disease, and particularly to the Portsmouth Health and Housing Committee, that in impressing upon the men of the borough “their duty to the community in this matter,” they should not lose their golden opportunity to eradicate the evil by also impressing on the men that physical disinfection is merely tinkering with the horror, unless it be accompanied by mental and moral disinfection.

Doubtless the National Council of Public Morals would provide a convincing leaflet on this point.

I am, Madam,

Yours faithfully,

MENA M. G. BIELBY.

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