

received last December by the death of Princess Doria. In justice to her memory I feel it only due to her that some protest should be made at this deliberate ignoring of her great work accomplished for the training of nurses in Italy.

Yours faithfully,

ISABEL C. CLARKE.

Care of Messrs. French, Lemon & Co.,
Piazza di Spagna, Rome, Italy.

[We learn that great indignation has naturally been aroused by the ignorant article dished up by a representative of the journal referred to, and that the highly trained Italian Sisters at the Scuola Convitto Regina Elena attached to the Policlinico, at Rome, have sent a signed protest to the editor concerning it.

The fine work accomplished in the past ten years by the Scuola Convitto—under the able superintendence of Miss Dorothy Snell—and fostering care of intelligent Italian women, including the Queen, is known throughout the nursing world.—ED.]

BEST WISHES FOR FURTHER SUCCESS.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I enclose my subscription to the Journal.

Words cannot express how heartily I congratulate all those who have been instrumental in bringing about Registration in England. What a long fight it has been!

There is much still to be done and there must be no resting on our oars until more is accomplished.

Best wishes for the further success of the cause.
Believe me,

Yours faithfully,

JANE MELITA JONES, R.N.

New Zealand.

KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

TIME TO BEGIN.

County Hospital Matron: "When is the crusade suggested in the B.J.N. to arouse the interest of suitable girls in the nursing of the sick to begin? Here in this county things get more and more difficult; we Matrons do not receive applications for training from the right sort, although conditions have greatly improved. Cannot the General Nursing Council send out a flying column to help us? It will be very little use defining an elaborate curriculum of training unless we can get the girls to train."

ELIMINATE SNOBBERY.

Hospital Sister: "If you ask me the reason of much discontent in the nursing world I should advise eliminating snobbery; the whole hospital world is saturated with it. Clerks, secretaries, teachers and other professional women are free of patronage, why must nursing be controlled by wealthy and titled persons, for ever talking and writing of us as 'poor things.' Eliminate

snobbery, leave us alone to work out our own salvation. But I suppose this cannot be done. Anyway, it is a most evil influence."

STATUS OR PROTECTION REQUIRED.

Organizer.—"A straw shows which way the wind blows. Nurses may congratulate themselves that at last Government Departments and the public are realising that there is a 'nursing question.' The first result of our Registration Act! Two young Government officials athirst for knowledge have put me through my paces during the past week and taken copious notes. The serious shortage of probationers under present conditions is sounding a note of alarm, both in the Health and Labour Ministries. Let us hope the General Nursing Council will soon begin to make itself felt. Status and protection of standards is imperative."

RUBBING UP.

F. H.—"Your correspondent, 'An Up-to-date Back Number,' might apply to the City of London Maternity Hospital. I have just spent a fortnight there, which was most instructive and interesting. I paid £2 2s. a week and for my own laundry."

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Will correspondents kindly note that each letter now costs 2d.; a stamp for this amount must be enclosed if an answer is required. Also, if articles are submitted for approval a stamped and addressed envelope must be sent. Otherwise, in the event of non-acceptance, the MSS. cannot be returned.

NOTICE.

PRIVATE NURSING.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick will see candidates who wish to join the Registered Nurses' Society for private nursing on Saturdays, September 25th and October 8th, at 431, Oxford Street, London, W., from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.

Qualification required: A Certificate for three years' training from a voluntary hospital containing not less than 100 beds; preference will be given to nurses who also possess experience in fever, mental, children's or maternity nursing, or massage. Age, from 25 to 35.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITION.

QUESTIONS.

September 25th.—Describe the technique for taking blood for examination for typhoid bacilli. What are the special points to observe in the subsequent care of the patient?

October 2nd.—Describe the mechanism of the ear. For what conditions should the ears be syringed; describe methods of preparation.

October 8th.—State what you know about the Care of the New-Born Babe.

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