

untruthful attacks, in her responsible position as a Member of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, in publications issued by the Scientific Press, Ltd., and intends to place the matter in the hands of her solicitor, if any such policy is continued in the *Hospital or Nursing Mirror*.

PRACTICAL POINTS.

No one has sent us any nice little "practical points" lately, so we intend to ask for some in our Prize Competition for December 11th. The following is a specimen culled from *The Canadian Nurse*:—"Before washing the convalescent's hair, see that her comb and brush have been thoroughly washed, dried and sunned; then don't forget, as many do, to give her hairpins, barette, back comb, &c., a good bath in warm soap suds, drying quickly with a soft towel. Then, after the usual careful shampoo, all these articles are clean and ready for the last touches to the toilet. If the comb happens to be an ivory one, a small brush, such as a nail brush, and alcohol will be a better mode of cleaning."

Nurses who get their *B.J.N.* weekly (looking as distinguished as ever both in print and paper) must not forget that they can help their own professional organ by loyally supporting the first-class firms which advertise in it, when occasion arises. We are moved to make this reminder by a letter received from a business-like reader: "My patient has always had her surgical stores from —, but when you told me they had always refused to advertise in our journal, I thought one good turn deserved another, so with the consent of my patient, we transferred our patronage to —, who supply excellent quality. This is quite justifiable *n'est pas?*"

Quite justifiable—and very good business, considering the prohibitive cost of running a journal. In this connection we note that the British Medical Association has decided that owing to the enhanced cost of the production of the *B.M.J.*, in postage, machinery, compositors' wages and the high price of paper, the charge for advertisements is to be £20 a page!

ONE POINT OF VIEW.

An old and dusky daughter of the South, to whom things present themselves in terms of her profession, describes a Red Cross parade in which the canteeners and surgical dressings workers marched in all their white glory:

"Lawsee, Miss Anna, it cert'nly was a gran' spectacle! Nevah in all ma life did I see so much washin' at one time!"—*The Modern Hospital*.

THE COLLEGE OF NURSING, LTD.

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the College of Nursing, Ltd., was held at the Royal Society of Medicine, 1, Wimpole Street, W.1., on Thursday, November 4th. The Hon. Sir Arthur Stanley was in the chair, and was supported on the platform by members of the Council.

The Chairman asked permission to sign the Minutes of the Fifth Annual General Meeting, and this was accordingly done. He then called on the Secretary to read the Notice convening the Meeting.

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting, including the resolution providing that "Every member shall pay such annual subscription, not being more than Twenty Shillings, as the Council shall from time to time appoint," the Chairman said that a few words from him were desirable as to the reasons that had prompted this step. The College was a strong young infant that had outgrown its clothes. The membership was now something over 19,000, and the difficulty was one of finance. As their membership increased their expenses grew. In the early days when he wanted to equalise the budget he went to a few of his own private friends to get the amount made up. Now that their expenses were not far short of £6,000 per annum this was not possible.

It was not fair that those who came in now should come in on the same terms as the early members, and enjoy all the activities of the College, and the benefits of its very beautiful home.

It had never been the intention of the Council to make the proposed subscription obligatory on members who joined before the present time. He thought the resolution was perfectly clear, but there had been some criticism of it, and an amendment had been sent in by Miss Biggar. When Mrs. Jones moved the resolution she would move it in a form that made its intention clear. Any subscription given by the members who joined the College before the present date would be voluntary.

The second resolution proposed an addition to Article 60, Clause 9, of the Constitution. Under this Article the Council took the right to strike a nurse's name off the Register, like every voluntary body, but it was now proposed that at least 28 days previous notice of the meeting and its purpose should be sent to the member with regard to whom an inquiry was to be held and that she should have an opportunity of stating her case and defending herself before the Council.

He thought this met every criticism of the Articles of Association that he had yet seen. He hoped that members who could give them an annual subscription. He then called on Mrs. J. M. Jones to move the first resolution.

The resolution moved, but not read, by Mrs.

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