

mittee, is the name of our great leader for whom I have always cherished intense loyalty, admiration, and affection, and chiefly for that reason I shall treasure my State Certificate.

With warmest good wishes for success in the new fight for justice.

I am, Yours sincerely,
EMILY DINNIE,
Registered Nurse.

A GRAVE INJUSTICE TO FEVER NURSES.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

MADAM,—I am writing to express the indignation Fever Nurses feel, at the removal of Miss Villiers from the Education Committee of the General Nursing Council.

Seeing that Fever Nursing is a very important factor in the Public Health Department, I and my colleagues think that it is most important that we retain the services of a woman like Miss Villiers.

Who more capable than she to suggest the standard of education required for a Fever Nurse Probationer, and to watch our interests on the Council when we have gained our certificate?

Yours faithfully,
CATHERINE RELIHAN,
Fever Nurse.

South Western Fever Hospital,
Stockwell.

KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

A BREACH OF FAITH WITH NURSES ON ENGLISH REGISTER.

Miss Jean Lawson.—“Some of us Scottish nurses in England think we had better register in Scotland, as the standard is to be higher than in England. We don't care to place our names on a Register over which the Council has no practical supervision, and where nurses can be admitted without first-hand documentary evidence. This new Rule is a distinct breach of faith with nurses already on the English Register.”

IN THE NURSERY EATING CURDS AND WHEY.

A Contemptible.—“In the years to come, when we've all passed over, 'twill be forgotten who ran with the hare and barked with the hounds; but Registration—your imperial vision, and all that it implies—will be a lasting monument to the names of two who brought real spirit into the Nursing World—Isla Stewart and Ethel Bedford Fenwick. For the present we may be swamped by filthy lucre = “Nation's Fund”; if so, we'll go down, like Kipling's “Jollies,” to the “Birkenhead Drill,” as women who consider their profession second only to that of matrimony, and not to be used as a rung in the ladder for climbers to “Social Success.” No wonder Lords Birkenhead and Buckmaster speak disparagingly of our sex; look at present-day Nurses. Psychologically they are still in the nursery eating curds and whey; they haven't the energy to run away from the spider, much less cultivate the great force their Creator gave them as women. The essence of Love is Freedom, and what woman exercising such failed to keep her husband and her sons?”

PROFESSIONAL DAMAGE WOULD RESULT FROM PUBLICITY.

S.T.M.—“I am the father of a nurse and she often consults me on matters of business. We have read the reports of the controversy on the various matters under dispute in the General Nursing Council, and the very able correspondence which has appeared in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING upon it. In this connection, I would venture to ask, do the ladies who sign their names hold hospital appointments, or are they *economically* free to express an opinion? How about Councillor Beatrice Kent, Mary Burr, Julia Hurlston, S. J. Rossiter, Ellen B. Kingsford, Ethel Pickering, and Grace S. Hardy? May I also ask if letters sent signed with a *nom de plume*, which you exclude, are from those working under lay authority—*i.e.*, Hospital and Infirmary Boards? This is an interesting point. From reports which have reached me, I have come to the conclusion that the system of *secret communication* between Matrons which makes or mars a nurse's career is a system of active terrorism which should not be permitted in any profession—and which largely accounts for the boasted 20,000 members of the College of Nursing, Ltd. I advised my daughter to join it, as I felt sure she would be discriminated against at her training school if she did not.”

[Only one of the nurses named is working in a hospital, the others are free from economic control. The majority of the letters received signed with a *nom de plume* are from dependent nurses, who are certainly under the impression that professional damage would result from publicity. We do not approve of the “advice” given to “my daughter” by our correspondent; in our opinion, it is calculated to corrupt her integrity.—ED.]

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Several private nurses have written to us to ask what professional letters they may legally print on their cards for doctors and the public.

Our reply is that they are not entitled to use any “letters.” Under the Nurses' Registration Act the titles in full, “Registered Nurse,” “Registered Male Nurse,” “Registered Sick Children's Nurse,” “Registered Mental Nurse,” and “Registered Fever Nurse,” may be printed. Under the Midwives' Act the legal title is “Certified Midwife.” The use of the letters “C.M.B.” has been refused. We hope the letters “R.N.” will be allowed.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITION QUESTIONS.

April 8th.—Detail the nursing of a patient suffering from a fractured pelvis. What complications must be looked for, and, if present, reported to the surgeon?

April 15th.—What steps would you take as a midwife in a country town to safeguard the health of expectant mothers who have booked you to attend them when their babies are born?

We regret we cannot award a prize this week.

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