

Organization has been evicted from the Committee over which she has so ably presided, and, in addition, the expert on Fever Nursing has also been removed, and to crown it all the Government of the Nursing Profession in the future will be directed by a "caucus of College of Nursing" Matrons and two lay women, both of whom have been elected to fill the positions from which our able professional representatives have been evicted. In making further inquiries from every *indignant* nurse I meet I learn that the Minister of Health, whose duty it is to act at all times impartially, and who is therefore bound to sift this "crying injustice to its very source," has taken no action in the matter, but, on the contrary, has agreed to support the laity, doctors and Matrons who have stabbed their co-workers in the back, and are too cowardly to make their accusations in open Council.

Since my return to town I have met *many* nurses, but have not yet *met one* who intends to register.

"There is no one *now* that we can trust," is the cry; and can you wonder?

Yours faithfully,

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## KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENTS.

### ALIEN METHODS OF ATTACK.

*Elizabeth K. Tomkins.*—"I suppose we shall now return to (1) College Serf Clause; (2) Certificate confiscation; (3) Nurses allowed to register by their salaried official; (4) Nurses' money spent in first-class fares and allowances for attendance at numerous Committees as well as Council meetings for the laity who know nothing of their affairs; (5) College policy of street cadging to make up deficit. A nice programme for the "benefit" of self-respecting and working (but rather poor-spirited) subjects of the King! Anyway, my name and guinea will not be at the disposal of those who stab a colleague in the back; nor under a Ministry which approves such alien methods of attack."

*Miss Susan Townsend.*—"Don't tell me. Once an 'anti' always an 'anti.' The G.N.C. is overcrowded with them. Lord Crewe said in the 'Lords' years ago that 'The Registration Act should be carried out by those who had promoted it, and believed in the principle.' Sound sense. Now I note we are to be governed by doctors and ladies of title elected by 'anti' matrons. College snobbery!"

### THE POINT OF VIEW.

*E. E. P., Dorling.*—"I have recently heard a nurse thus described—*By a bishop*: "Nurses are the workmen who keep in repair the Temple of the Holy Ghost"; *By a vicar* (a Mrs. Proudie): "Nurses are merely housemaids"; *By a chronic*: "You nurses get your living by disease."

### ARE OUR MODERN NURSES CALLOUS?

*A Nurse Patient.*—"I have just recovered from a serious operation; I feel I can speak from a very first-hand experience. This sort of thing *does* give one the patient's point of view, which is not always the same as the nurses, I fear!

When one lies absolutely helpless, it is somewhat of a jar for one's nurse to turn round and tell one that she 'has no time to be constantly changing wet and soiled bandages,' yet this is what I experienced; also great difficulty in keeping warm, as there was 'no time' to be filling hot water bottles as soon as they are cold. I do feel our hospitals need more imaginative and intelligent women as nurses; so many of the present-day girls seem quite callous and only interested in their own little affairs, and what they do off duty. It's rather sad, isn't it?"

[We regret we often receive such complaints. It is sad, indeed. Our experience is that modern women are much less kind and sympathetic than those of a past generation. Is it a sort of instinctive resentment for former suppression and injustice? We wonder.—Ed.]

### THE CALL OF THE EAST.

*Miss M. E. Baker, Nanance, Canada.*—"In the *B.J.N.*, February 4th, there is an extract from Miss Evelyn Miller's paper 'The Call of the East,' in which I am very much interested. I have been thinking for a long time that if there was any way in which we could go to the East, in the *employ of the East*, that it would be a great opportunity which I should dearly love to take, and when I read that article it seemed the very thing I had been looking for. But to whom should I write for information?"

[We should advise our correspondent to write to the President of the Nurses' Association of China, who is an American lady, the matron of a large hospital in North China; address the letter under cover to Miss Gladys E. Stephenson, Wesleyan Mission, Men's Hospital, Anlu-Fu, Hupeh, China, and ask her for information on the whole question as to ways and means. We published a report of the meeting of the Association held at Hankow in January last, in our issue of March 25th, a really wonderful gathering, when the body of the Church Hall was full of Chinese probationers and nurses. A Western nurse's first duty in the East is to help to train and fit the women to perform their own national duties, so that in time they may rise to the highest executive office and control their own professions. American nurses are taking the lead in teaching in the Near and Far East because they themselves are emancipated professionally, whilst recent events have demonstrated that the nurses of Britain are in a very demoralising servitude.—Ed.]

## OUR PRIZE COMPETITION QUESTIONS.

*April 22nd.*—Detail the preparation and administration of (a) starch and opium enema, (b) a stomach wash-out, (c) a bowel wash-out.

*April 29th.*—Give some practical hints on the application of plaster casts.

*May 6th.*—When a child is in a state of apparent asphyxia, describe how you would endeavour to establish regular respiration.

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