

nurses' training school it is not a good example in "respect due" or personal politeness. Without any "private" information or authority it is abundantly patent to anyone who has followed the actions of the G.N.C. during the past three months that "party spirit" is responsible for the supplanting of Miss Villiers on the Education Committee by a lay-woman, also that the section of the Council who are accused of "checking" and defeating the organisation of the profession are the only people who are standing by the principles of State Registration, and by the nurses who finance *this their register.*"

It is a matter to note that Miss Cox-Davies here openly takes the field on behalf of the laity in Council, against the nurses' own representatives, although not surprising when one remembers the resolution standing in her name which nearly deprived nurses of recognition of their much-valued certificates. The complaint of "narrowness of vision" has certainly been obvious, but to me, a "looker on," it has appeared to be the outstanding defect of the party who have created a majority by *not electing* nurse members (I say *not electing* in deference to Miss Cox-Davies' feelings). Surely she will not repudiate any responsibility for the "party spirit and dissension," so deplorable in the Council, after resigning and leaving the cause for ten weeks, and only returning on a secretly extracted promise of support of *party policy.*

It appears to me—admittedly a younger member of the profession—that if *clean* party politics had been adhered to and personal animus suppressed, nurses could have proved their ability to govern their own profession, much of their opportunity has been stolen from them by the voters who gave the Registration chair to a doctor, the General Purposes chair to a laywoman, and a seat on the Education Committee to another laywoman.

Miss Villiers is exalted, not martyred; she has not bartered her principles to swim with the tide—even though she is "not elected" by the present temporary Council.

Yours faithfully,

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PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION ON CERTIFICATES.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—May I thank you very sincerely for your promptitude in obtaining the information regarding the changes which occur in milk under certain conditions.

It was the first thing I noticed as I opened my paper on Saturday; the information will be useful to a great many nurses.

May I also take this opportunity of saying how glad I am to have your signature on my Registration Certificate.

With grateful thanks, Believe me,
Yours very faithfully,
"A CONSTANT READER."
13, Arlington Villas, Clifton, Bristol.

PROFOUND INDIGNATION.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR EDITOR,—May I express my profound indignation at the outrageous action of a section of the G.N.C. But the prophets, though always stoned, have ever triumphed in the end.

The planet Mars must be very powerfully placed in your horoscope, heavily afflicted in some way, to account for the endless opposition you have had to meet; and having some benefit aspects, to endow you with such courage and perseverance to battle through all these years.

Yours very truly,

Cranford, Middlesex. M. M. BIELBY.

KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENTS.

Registered Nurse.—"I note in the list of approved hospitals recommended by the Education Committee for recognition by the G.N.C. that our hospital is still called the 'Great Northern Central Hospital.' Its official title is now, and has been for some time, 'The Royal Northern Hospital.' Hoping this may meet the eye of those responsible for compiling the list, especially the lay members who are now actively interfering with our affairs. . . . Glad to see you and others object to be dictated to by the laity on the G.N.C. as to the composition and numbers of our Free Nurses' organisations. We are not 'cottage gamps' to be treated with patronage, and those are the only type of 'Nurses' whom titled women control."

A Sheffield Sister.—"Labour representatives on the Sheffield Board of Guardians have gone on strike because none of them was appointed to the chairmanship of the relief committees. Why do they not follow the example of the G.N.C. and arrange new rules whereby they can eject their colleagues and pop into their seats?"

DRUG TRAFFIC CONTROL.

Member, Matrons' Council.—"Miss La Motte aroused my interest and conscience on Drug Traffic Control, by her excellent Address on this abuse before the Matrons' Council. Every day the press is now compelled to report the terrible results of the lack of control over drug smuggling in the past. Scotland Yard appears to be waking up at last. I hope some of my colleagues have found time to read in the *Times* what Mr. Basil Matthews, who has been attending the sessions of the Opium Commission of the League of Nations at Geneva, has to say on the question: The Commission came to the conclusion that unless we stand together and fight the drug traffic, it will destroy us separately. . . . Perhaps you will find space for quotations from the conclusions of the Commission; Nurses should be in this fight."

[We hope to do so at an early date.—ED.]

OUR PRIZE COMPETITION QUESTIONS.

May 20th.—Describe the part played by insects in spreading disease.

May 27th.—Name three gynaecological operations and how to prepare the patient for them.

June 3rd.—How would you deal with a case of hæmorrhage after enucleation of the tonsils?

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