

who supported this outrage are now in full power on the Registration Committee, and who knows what further injury they will propose to defenceless nurses now that our supporters are ejected. The whole thing from beginning to end is so scandalous that words fail to express what I feel about it. Talk about "coercion," it is a mild word in connection with the treatment of those who had the courage to stand for our interests on the G.N.C. It's a pity "A Member" does not realise it and resent it, but the average nurse hasn't the courage or public spirit of a fly.

Yours truly,

"CERT. ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL."

THE ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL NURSES' LEAGUE.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

MADAM,—I note that you were good enough to find room in last week's issue of your Paper for the letters sent from here, but I deeply regret that in your editorial note you should have placed an entirely wrong construction upon them. The Secretary of the League, as also I and my colleagues, meant every word we put in them, though assuredly not in the light in which you have unfortunately elected to read them.

Yours faithfully,

A MEMBER OF THE ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL NURSING STAFF.

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[We fail to understand this letter.—ED.]

KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

C. F. C., *Malvern*.—Miss Sheriff-Macgregor has been around lecturing on the College of Nursing, Ltd. To hear her talk you would imagine the movement for State Registration emanated from the College in 1916, instead of through the R.B.N.A. in 1888! It's the meanest policy to misinform the present generation of nurses and attempt to ignore all our pioneers, their labours and success, instead of giving credit to whom credit is due. That is what those of us who know the truth hate about the College. Miss Macgregor is also around to urge all nurses to register so that they will have a vote in December. Let us hope they will inquire into the past records of candidates, and ask a few questions: (1) Were you an anti? (2) Did you agree to deprive us of the record of our certificates on the State Register? (3) Did you go on strike on the G.N.C.? (4) Did you vote to supersede our nursing experts by titled dames and doctors?"

A *Swansea Nurse*.—"The policy of placing doctors over us in our so-called Nurses' Organisations is the determined policy of the College of Nursing, Ltd. Here, at Swansea, Dr. Clarke Begg has been re-elected President of the Swansea and South Wales Centre, as if there was not a Matron or Nurse in Wales fitted for the position. So I am not at all surprised that the College Matrons on the G.N.C. have nominated and elected

a medical man on our Registration Committee and that only one Committee is presided over by a Registered Nurse. Was it all a lie that we were to become a self-governing profession under our Act of Parliament? It seems so. Surely we are not going to be enslaved instead of emancipated under the Acts!"

Evelyn Eburah, Registered Nurse.—"May I take this opportunity of thanking you for all you have done for the improvement of the nursing profession. Nurses are apt to take a great deal for granted, but many deeply appreciate your efforts. I am very glad to have your name on my certificate of Registration."

G. F. *Pontin, Nottingham*.—"I was interested in your 'Echo' about the surprise of the Duchess of Newcastle at women now hesitating to become village nurses, and thus cut themselves adrift from registration. Is it not time the General Nursing Council addressed a 'Memo' to the aristocratic controllers of County Nursing Associations and warned them against misleading young women by continuing to train them insufficiently, for the sake of obtaining a cheap supply of village and cottage nurses? It is most unfair that two years after the Registration Act has been passed, these well-meaning, ignorant ladies should still be meddling with our professional standards."

[We quite agree the G.N.C. should take steps to prevent young women being misled by ignorant persons.—ED.]

PLEASE NOTICE.

A REGISTERED UNIFORM FOR NURSES.

Now that the plot to remove Mrs. Bedford Fenwick from the Registration Committee has been carried out, and it is now under the control of a medical man, she can no longer use her knowledge for the benefit of her profession, excepting through the General Nursing Council. The Editor of this journal (Mrs. Fenwick) has recently received many letters from nurses, *re* registration questions, including that of a "Registered Uniform." Her advice to such correspondents is to write direct to the Chairman of the General Nursing Council, asking that their communications may be placed before it, and not intercepted and answered without the authority of the Council through the office. We know that the Uniform question is of very vital importance to "Registered Nurses," and agree with more than one colleague that this is a nursing and not a medical question, and that it brings our profession into absolute contempt that such questions as our clothes should be referred to a Committee presided over by a man.—ED.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITION QUESTIONS.

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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