Act, the more so when one realizes what years it took to obtain it.

Since I first learnt of your vision and views, and the desire of your heart for the proper training and status of nurses in a most eloquent lecture you gave in the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, I think in the year 1889, I have never doubted that eventually you would steer us straight into port, in spite of useless mighty opposition.

I am truly grateful that your health has enabled you to accomplish this great life's work, which to me has often seemed miraculous. Now it has received the approval of Parliament; and the future profession of nursing of Great Britain can, I trust, in due time lead the way in act and deed.

It is a joy to me to record my grateful thanks.

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[These kind letters are, of course, deeply appreciated—as gratitude is not a human virtue to any appreciable extent, and those who fight in the front do not come out of a scrimmage point device. But in the registration campaign we had wonderful standard bearers and most able and loyal companions in arms, of whom "Jane C. Child" was one, both at home and abroad. Many members of the G.N.C. have worked untiringly for the welfare of the profession, and the Seal and Certificate are really beautiful—we have many letters appreciating them greatly. But as there is much more constructive work to be done it is high time the present impasse, so unfair and injurious to the nurses, was at an end.—ED.]

## NATIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES. To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—Referring to the article signed "An Original Member," and the Editor's footnote in your issue of January 14th, may I inform your readers that the activities of the N.U.T.N. have spread so widely since its foundation that it is impossible to work country branches from the central office in London, but I should be most pleased to give all possible assistance to anyone sufficiently interested to organise and work such.
I should be glad to send any information on

the subject to anyone enquiring at this office.

Yours faithfully, E. NICHOLLS,

Secretary, N.U.T.N.

38-9, Parliament Street, Westminster, S.W.1.

#### THE ROYAL INFIRMARY, GLASGOW NURSES' LEAGUE.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

MADAM,—I venture to ask you to insert in your most valuable Journal this short letter calling the attention of Past Nurses trained in the Royal

Infirmary, Glasgow, to the fact that the Nurses' League for Past and Present Nurses as an outcome of the Re-Union held at the Athenaeum Restaurant, Glasgow, on December 5th, 1921, has been formally constituted.

The officers of the League are anxious without delay to get into touch with all ladies who have not already sent in their applications for membership and we know that through the medium of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING We shall speedily accomplish this aim.

Full particulars as to the constitution, subscription, &c., can be obtained from any of the under-

signed at the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow. MARY STEUART DONALDSON.

Chairman of the League.

M. E. WILLIAMSON, Treasurer.

M. S. Marshall Joint Secretaries. J. G. Forsyth

Royal Infirmary, Glasgow.

## KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

A QUESTION FOR THE IRISH NURSING COUNCIL.

E. T. Maguire (Dublin).—" Now that 'Old Oireland' is no more, we are wondering what will be the fate of the Irish Nurses' Registration Act, and what of reciprocity between the Irish Free State and England and Scotland. Ulster, of course, will claim reciprocity under the Acts-but where do we of the Free State come in?"

[This is a point on which we cannot advise. No doubt the General Nursing Council for Ireland will be making enquiries on the matter and will find the way out. Anyway, we hope the same kindly relations between the nurses of England, Scotland and Ireland will remain as heretofore, We are happy in that "nursing" is of no nationality; all the world's our stage.—ED.]

#### WHERE TO REGISTER.

Nurses who wish to be included in the First State Register should not delay to send in their Application Forms.

In England and Wales.—Apply to the Registrar, G.N.C., 12, York Gate, Regent's Park, London, N.W.

In Scotland.—Apply to the Registrar, 13, Melville Street, Edinburgh.

In Ireland.—Apply to the Registrar, 33, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.

# OUR PRIZE COMPETITION QUESTIONS.

February 4th.—What are the most common superficial injuries to the eye, and what is the usual treatment which a nurse may be required to apply in the various cases?

February 11th.—In what diseases does dropsy occur? Mention some of the duties a nurse may be required to perform in the management of a case of renal dropsy?

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