

nor I have ever heard of the "honours list" there, which Miss Bremner claims to have adorned, while a nurse, trained at the London Hospital has, likewise, never heard of the "first-class division," in which Miss Bremner states that she stood after one year's probationership!

I advise private nurses to vote for Miss Cattell, who can produce a genuine hospital Certificate of three years' training from St. George's Hospital—a leading London hospital and nurse training school.

I am,

Yours truly,

ISABEL MACDONALD.

Secretary, Royal British Nurses' Association.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—Every nurse interested in private nurses will sympathise with Miss Cartwright in her appeal to private nurses to use their vote; this is the only remedy for the present evil.

In the employment of untrained or partly-trained people as private nurses the medical profession is sadly to blame.

A well qualified and certificated woman came to me last week and said she would never register so long as totally untrained women were employed (as they are here) on the same terms as certificated nurses.

I asked her to use her vote in order that this evil should cease. She retorted that I was "a voice crying in the wilderness." Perhaps, but the greater the need the louder I shall cry.

Yours faithfully,

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[We have received quite a number of letters supporting the demand of the Registered Nurses' Society that any nurse put up to represent their responsible branch of nursing on the General Nursing Council for England and Wales shall hold a certificate of three years' training in a reputable training school, and condemning the College Council for nominating a candidate who has not attained this standard, and one, moreover, who has never, during her long nursing career, lifted a finger to procure the State Registration Act to establish the Council. One and all point out the duty of private nurses to stand by one another on this question of giving a guarantee to the medical profession and the public that they have been thoroughly trained and certificated after examination, and how much they suffer from the competition of semi-trained nurses and V.A.D.s.]

The action of the College in this connection is a very serious damage to the status, prestige, and economic solidarity of the private nurse; and if, unfortunately, College nurses vote in ignorance for its Council's nominee, as they are being directed to do, and she is elected, the high-

class private nurses' co-operations will have received a severe blow. Registration was fought for to hall-mark the highly trained, if it is to be used to sweep away standards in private practice it is a shameful betrayal of the interests of private nurses.

They have a remedy.

Vote for Miss Cattell.—ED.]

### BE CAREFUL.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I note on Form B., Nomination Paper, being issued by the General Nursing Council, that nominators have to write in the third column their "Registered Qualification." As the Register is not published, how are we to know what has been inserted in it as our qualification? It is very difficult, unless we call at the office and inspect the Register, which, presumably, we have no right to do.

Yours truly,

A MEMBER BART.'S LEAGUE.

[We note the difficulty, but presume if nurses have a certificate of training that is the qualification upon which they were registered. Thus you would insert in the third column on the Nomination Form, "Mary Jones, Certificate, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, E.C., 1900-1903," or whatever the name and the dates may be.—ED.]

### KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

*Anti-Waste Nurses.*—"It would interest us to know if the Hon. Mrs. Hills, who is Chairman of the General Purposes Committee, which is responsible for the organisation of our office, is going to pay the cost of the male expert who has had to be called in to prepare a Report on organization—or, rather, disorganization. If our nurse representatives are deprived of responsibility and the laity grasp it, they should be made to pay for resulting inefficiency."

[Vote to place on your Governing Body, the General Nursing Council, at the coming election, nurses who will not support a medical dictatorship, nor control by lay women who know nothing of nursing organization, and who have no right to meddle with our finances—to which they do not subscribe. Every intelligent nurse will realise that rightful professional power has been filched from her by the majority vote on the present Council.—ED.]

### OUR PRIZE COMPETITION QUESTIONS.

*November 25th.*—Why is the purity of milk and the clean handling and distribution of milk of vital importance to the nation? What points are of special importance in this connection?

*December 2nd.*—How would you feed an infant of a week old and upwards for nine months if a medical practitioner has decided that breast-feeding is impossible?

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