

Profession, being denied their right to a 'prescribed scheme' of training." It is to be hoped that if any of the candidates for the State Examination are plucked they will promptly appeal, for having been examined without a 'prescribed' scheme of teaching. Am glad to see the Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council intend to take up the Probationers' case; they apparently dare not wink an eyelash, however much they are cheated."

[We intend to fight this scandal until the provisions of the Nurses' Registration Act are complied with. The whole profession has been shamelessly betrayed by the majority of the new Council, with the support of the officials at the Ministry of Health, as upon three separate occasions the late Council voted that the Syllabus for General training should be sent to the Minister of Health for signature, for submission to Parliament, so that it might have statutory force, but evidently the decisions of the Council were tampered with by the usual malign influence which has hampered and almost ruined its work from its inception.

The following are the names of the members of the Council who voted at its last meeting to deprive the general trained nurses of their right to "prescribed training" Rule 3 (2) (a) before they are eligible for "admission to the General Part of the Register," by issuing the silly "gag" of an "advisory" Syllabus:—Miss H. A. Alsop, Matron Kensington Infirmary, W.; Miss A. S. Barrett, Principal, Clapham High School; Miss Geraldine Bremner, Nurses' Co-op., London; Miss Gertrude Cowlin, Librarian, College of Nursing, Ltd.; Miss Cox-Davies; Rev. G. B. Cronshaw, Treasurer, Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford; Dr. E. W. Goodall, Medical Superintendent, North-Western Fever Hospital, Hampstead; Miss E. M. Musson, Matron, General Hospital, Birmingham; Dr. Bedford Pierce, late Medical Superintendent, The Retreat, York; Dr. R. D. Smedley, Medical Officer of Health, West Sussex; Miss Elinor Smith, Superintendent for Wales, Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute; Miss M. E. Sparshott, Matron, Royal Infirmary, Manchester; Sir T. Jenner Verrall, Member General Medical Council; Miss C. Seymour Yapp, Matron, Poor Law Hospital, Ashton-under-Lyne. Lady Hobhouse, and the Hon. Mrs. Eustace Hills, invariably vote against the Nurses' professional interests, and no doubt would have added their votes to "downing" them on this occasion had they been present.

Do not let us forget that Miss A. M. Bushby, Matron, Queen's Hospital for Children, Hackney, Mr. Robert Donaldson, Mental Nurses' Association, Miss C. C. du Sautoy, Miss S. Villiers, Matron, South Western Fever Hospital, Stockwell, and Miss M. E. Wiese, Chief Charge Nurse, Claybury Mental Hospital, had the courage to vote in favour of the legal rights of the General Nurses. Thus it will be seen that every nurse who voted to deprive the General Nurses of their right to "prescribed" teaching are members of the College of Nursing, Ltd. Such are the methods of the servile representatives of this Employers' Union. Anyway, we are out to expose their time-honoured

"anti" methods, and *en passant*, may we say, it cannot be done in kid gloves. Cash, graft, social influence, and professional jealousy are four powerful opponents to encounter in any arena.—ED.]

#### SAD TO SEE.

"Sad to See."—"I sat and watched the hundreds of women presumably working as nurses streaming through the so-called Nursing Exhibition last week. How sad to see so many towlsed untidy uniforms, and depressed chinless women. Surely this army are not the average modern trained nurse. If so what an injury the training schools have done our profession in opposing for all these years better professional facilities for educated women and State Registration. I listened to the inspired words of the lady who presided over the *B.J.N.* Stall, and do hope some of her "golden grain" will sprout—one never knows."

*A Country Matron.*—"Why is the Hospital Nursing and Midwifery Exhibition given this comprehensive title? I came from the country hoping to see real nursing exhibits, but found a purely trade show. Quite useful for commercial purposes, but nothing to learn professionally. The *B.J.N.* corner was a little oasis, and I did enjoy seeing my name in the First State Register—thanks to the *B.J.N.* and its devoted supporters. Some satisfaction for your life's work, in spite of all the jealous cruelty you have been made to suffer."

[When we handle the State Register it is ample compensation for the unworthy policy of its opponents. It will outlive them.—ED.]

#### BLAMING THE NURSE.

*A Theatre Sister.*—"So glad to read your remarks on the death from chloroform poisoning at Watford District Hospital. Of course, the nurses should be taught to put the anaesthetising apparatus together, but it certainly is the anaesthetist's duty to test it before using it—where life and death may be at stake. It is always so easy to blame the nurse for medical mistakes, and I for one thank you for your expression of opinion in this instance."

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#### OUR PRIZE COMPETITION QUESTIONS.

April 21st.—Describe (a) the symptoms, (b) the nursing management of a case of concussion.

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