

ignorant untrained women and V.A.D.s, should be shown up. I have suffered from their ignorance and jealousy. Now that State Registration has been granted, everything should be done through it possible to protect the sick. I am amazed at the attitude of the "College" on this question. I paid my guinea to the College because I was assured high standards of training for nurses would be maintained, and now they seem to be throwing everything away we value, and have a right to, with both hands. I shall certainly vote for Miss Cattell and the Independent Candidates—who appear to possess a sense of professional responsibility."

THE NURSES' MONEY.

Statistical Nurse.—"I have been doing a little sum, and it appears to me that the Election fiasco will cost us Registered Nurses several hundred pounds more than it would have done if our organisers had been in power instead of medical men. My father is a medical man, and I have often heard him say they are as a profession the most unbusiness class in the kingdom. Why, therefore, should they be permitted to squander the "Nurses' Money"?"

Returning Voting Papers costs each nurse 4d. (voting twice). The postal authorities appear to be the only people who benefit, as what with stamps for sending out Papers and Replies twice they will benefit to the extent of at least £400. Then comes the double appeal from candidates to the electors—another £100 at least. As you say all we have got to do is to find the money. Abominable waste in my opinion, and as far as I gather these squanderers are backed up by the permanent officials at the Ministry of Health, and pose as injured innocents if the nurses dare to express a word of protest. Moreover, I hear the College is after our Examination Fees to bolster up its very large expenditure. Our Council has a right to Registration and Examination fees, the surplus of which should be invested for our benefit, and not spent in supporting the College Company and its unnecessary Register and officials."

[We may be sure that if there were not "money in it" ("Nurses' Money") the College officials would not be so anxious to monopolise the power granted to "Registered Nurses" through their Act of Parliament.—ED.]

THE DEPRECIATION OF THE GENERAL PART OF THE REGISTER.

[Miss M. C. Herbert repeats her arguments for opening the General Part of the Register to untrained nurses. If the College of Nursing, Ltd., succeeds in this agitation, the General Nursing Council will have to explain its breach of faith with the 15,000 nurses whose fees it has accepted and utilised under the existing Statutory Rules. The College policy of making pledges to nurses and repudiating them will not be permitted by a considerable number of nurses registered by the State.—ED.]

A QUESTION FOR PAYING PATIENTS.

Mrs. S. F. Mann.—"Your article on 'A Question for the Paying Patient' should be given

publicity in the daily press. I know numerous cases where patients have suffered greatly in 'Nursing Homes' from the ignorance of untrained nurses. That the State Registration of these young women should be advocated by medical men and an ignorant press is almost incredible, when we realise how at their mercy patients are when seriously ill, when upon a medical recommendation they enter Nursing Homes. Skilled nursing is charged for and should be provided, and all Homes should be licensed and inspected by highly qualified professional persons. My little son nearly lost his life through the ignorance of an untrained attendant. Doctors are not nearly sufficiently careful in selecting nurses. The standard for registration should be high, and doctors should support and not run down the standard."

THE BAR SINISTER.

Municipal Nurse.—"I see the Home Secretary has consented to receive a deputation in regard to the Children of Unmarried Parents' Bill, and it is to be hoped some form of helpful legislation will result. My town work has shown me how sad is the fate of illegitimate children, how often they are starved, get sick, and die. All such children should be removed to the country. I remember as a girl brought up in a Midland village no one penalised such 'flyblows.' Mothers had several, not always by the same father, and these children grew up as healthy and to be as useful as those born in wedlock—indeed, they were often 'better born,' as the saying was—that is, finer physically and mentally. It is time we had more robust views on this question all round where motherhood is concerned; it is all this flying in the face of Nature which increases crime and misery. I have an illegitimate nephew, as fine a fellow as can be, devoted to his mother and his fond 'auntie'; nothing has given me half the pleasure in life as helping to put him on his feet. Had we listened to family prudery, no doubt he would have been dead by now."

[We are heartily in sympathy with these views. Let mothers of illegitimate children cling to them, and let women voters help to annul laws relating to them.—ED.]

WHERE TO REGISTER.

Apply for Application Form to the Registrar:—
ENGLAND AND WALES—12, York Gate, Regent's Park, London, N.W.

SCOTLAND—13, Melville Street, Edinburgh.

IRELAND—33, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.

Forms should be carefully filled in and the names given for references from persons who have agreed to supply them.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITION QUESTIONS.

January 20th.—Give the most interesting report of Second Sight you have experienced, or of which you have been told.

January 27th.—Give an account of the diet and treatment in a case of scarlatinal nephritis.

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