

in the local papers should have been accepted by THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING without communicating with the hospital, and have been made the basis of a paragraph which is grossly unfair to myself and my nurses.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

F. L. MASON,

Matron.

Bath Royal United Hospital, Bath.

[The paragraph alluded to merely stated that the Bath Board of Guardians received a report from the House Committee that the presence of probationers from the Infirmary appeared to be resented by the nurses of the Royal United Hospital—where they were given a few months' training—and that the Board had decided to send no more probationers to the hospital. From an exhaustive report of the Bath Guardians' meeting dealing with this business at the end of January, we gather that the Hospital Committee and certain of the Guardians had met to discuss the matter of training, and that the former did not consider that the one year was sufficient for surgical training, and that an entirely separate surgical training throughout that period could not well be arranged. The Matron of the Royal United Hospital states that there is no truth in the statement in the Guardians' report that the presence of their probationers was resented by the Hospital's nurses, and gives her opinion as to the real reason of the Guardians' grievance. The General Nursing Council recently, upon the recommendation of its Education Committee, accepted a number of the smaller Poor Law Institutions as approved training schools without any personal inspection whatever. It is the shoddy way things have been done. A personal visit, with consultation with the Matron and the Governors of small hospitals and infirmaries, would, we feel sure, have been most helpful, and resulted in really useful and efficient schemes of affiliation. The present "go-as-you-please" system can result in nothing but futility and friction.—Ed.]

LOSS OF CONFIDENCE.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR EDITOR,—The Election of Members for the G.N.C. being over, one realizes how many of our early "State Registrationists" have failed to register.

One regrets so much the more the appalling errors of management that have occurred during the last year, which I fear must have a bad effect on our Profession overseas.

A Matron of one of the largest hospitals in South Africa writes me by last mail:—"I am so sorry the General Nursing Council is not making more headway; if they keep on with their present tactics they will soon lose the confidence of every decent member of the Nursing Profession, and, I think, that would be a pity"; which points very much to the fact that our movements are watched very keenly far and wide.

Yours sincerely,

J. C. C.

KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

LE GRAND JUIVERIE AND THE PSYCHOLOGY OF BRITISH NURSES.

British Nurse.—May I suggest to all those nurses who love fair play to cease paying for the *Daily Telegraph* and take some other paper.

We State Registrationists all know how, when formerly Member for Tower Hamlets, its wealthy proprietor, Lord Burnham (then Mr. Levi Lawson), rose night after night in the House of Commons to block our Registration Bill, and how he has excluded from his paper any opinion from independent British nurses, and helped to finance the College Company by methods which shall be nameless.

Once more, in last Saturday's issue, Lord Burnham "crows" that the State Registrationists, whom he terms the "obstructive element" on the General Nursing Council has been "completely swept away," and he eulogises the most obstinate "antis," who, for years slavishly signed, in their own self-interest, every anti-Registration manifesto issued by their Committees, and who, by a brazen job, have now captured our Governing Body. All this scandalous injustice makes my blood boil.

[The press of this "country of the free" is so largely in the hands of *le grand juiverie* that British nurses cannot expect it to understand *their* psychology.—Ed.]

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

TO MANY CORRESPONDENTS.

We hope our correspondents who have quite naturally resented the College plot, which has enabled it to flood the electorate for the G.N.C. with its own members on preferential terms, and provide that the Nursing Profession shall be controlled by its employers, will excuse us, at the present moment, for not inserting their very indignant and forcible protests. Our correspondents may rest assured that the illegal Rule 9 (A), which has served its purpose for the moment, will, with other illegalities and irregularities, be widely discussed outside the Council Chamber and bureaucratic dug-outs, at the Ministry of Health.

The minority of Registered Nurses do not intend to be crushed out by any such "slim" tactics. We are now free to fight in the open, in Parliament, and if needs be, in the Law Courts, and we are already assured of the warm sympathy, and promise of support from many honourable legislators.—Ed.

PLEASE NOTICE!

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick will be in the Lobby of the House of Commons on Friday, February 16th, at 2.30 p.m., and hopes as many as possible of the Civic and Professional Rights Sub-Committee of the Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council will meet her there at that hour.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITION QUESTIONS.

February 24th.—Describe the duties of a Sister-Tutor, and what she should teach.

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