



Letters to the Editor.

(Notes, Queries, &c.)

Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not IN ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.

We shall be happy to answer, as far as we can, all questions submitted to us.

SIGNING THE PETITION.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—Please let me, through your widely-read columns, warn my fellow Members of the R.B.N.A. of a move which is being made by our most gentlemanly opponents. It seems that the Committee of the Association has sent in a list of our Members, and of Matrons who are not Members, but have signed the Petition in our favour to the Privy Council, and that all these are being written to, asking if they have really signed the Petition. I was told that Members need not sign the Petition, so I did not—although I got others to do so—as of course the Members are all represented by our President, who has presented the Petition, and of course the Charter is one of the objects we joined the Association in order to get. I advise all Members who receive this letter to treat it with silent contempt, or to answer it like a friend of mine, who got the following, and sent the following reply:—

"My dear Miss —,—Will you tell me if you have signed the Petition in favour of the Charter being granted to the R.B.N.A. ? Matron is very anxious to know.—Yours, &c.,

"A. B. C."

"Dear Madam,—In reply to your question, I beg to inform you that I have the high honour to be a Member of the Royal British Nurses' Association, one of the chief objects of which, as shown in the bye-laws, is to obtain a Royal Charter. Whether I have signed the Petition to the Privy Council or not, therefore, is quite immaterial, so far as I am concerned, because, as a Member, I am pledged to do all in my power to gain that Charter. Permit me to add that I am astonished that any Trained Nurse should actually seek to prevent her profession being elevated and purified, which would undoubtedly result from the grant of a Charter—especially as she is certain to fail in that disloyal endeavour.—Yours, &c.,

"D. E. F."

I am told that the Association is being opposed simply because it is carrying on Registration. In fact, the Hospitals which swindle the public wish the Privy Council to punish the Association for attempting to protect the public. This is a curious state of affairs.—Yours faithfully, M. H.

REGISTRATION OF NURSES.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Dear Sir,—I have read, with careful attention, your notes in *The Nursing Record* of April 28th, respecting the Registration of Nurses, and see that you are in favour of Nurses' Registration. During the past three years I have been engaged closely with Hospital Trained Nurses, and watched their work. At first the Nurse had my entire sympathy: she was treated as a "marketable commodity," as you observe, and I used every means to ensure them getting their own earnings, which, no doubt is right, on the face of it; but in

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