

I may add that when an application for restoration of a name to the Roll, removed under the above-mentioned Section, is made the application is judged on its merits, attention being paid to the facts as set out by the applicant in her application, and it is advisable therefore that any woman who does make an application to the Board for the restoration of her name to the Roll should be very careful to state clearly in her application exactly what her midwifery or nursing experience has been, mentioning the years in which she has had it.

Yours faithfully,

H. G. WESTLEY, Secretary.

MILK FOR CHILDREN.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I have read with mingled feelings the present proposals of the Milk Marketing Board to provide schools with milk at a much reduced price, in connection with the "Drink More Milk" campaign. I would rather see urged a "Drink Clean Milk" campaign, for there is no doubt that much of the milk supply of the country cannot be so described, and, indeed, the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Walter Elliot, has quite recently urged the necessity for cows to be clean inside as well as out, and we are constantly being told that milk should be pasteurised to be safe, which means that its purity is not assured.

If the Government's plan of State grants to save the Dairying industry from the danger of collapse results in a large consumption of milk by school-children without special precautions being taken to secure that the milk supplied is clean, and, moreover, free from the infection of tuberculosis, the results to the national health may be very serious. No doubt the Minister of Agriculture will keep this danger in mind. It is a very real one.

Yours faithfully,

SCHOOL NURSE.

KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

Speed.

A reader writes:—"I read your Editorial on 'Speed—a beneficent plague' in last month's issue, with deep appreciation.

Smash and crash still continue in the public highways with resulting loss of life and limb, and will continue until the speed of mechanical transport is controlled. To argue that this is impossible is to own futility upon the part of those responsible, who should be compelled to do the duty for which they are appointed. Speed is not a condition to be accepted, but an evil to be overcome.

The ultimate question is, Which of the two is the more valuable, human life or speed? We nurses reverence life, and let us, therefore, do all in our power to compel the authorities to take immediate and definite action. If officials in Government offices could be present when a dead child is carried home—grievously mutilated—and witness the heartbreak of its mother, or it may be "father," the breadwinner to be a cripple for life, surely they would be roused from their apathetic conviction that this 'beneficent plague' has no remedy.

What are our women M.P.s doing to rouse the House on this matter? Nothing presumably. And why does not the National Council of Women take action?"

An Ugly Rumour.

A Registered Nurse writes:—"Can nothing be done to make the new members of the G.N.C. realise that they have not been nominated by State Departments to override the conscientious convictions of our experienced professional

representatives? There is an ugly rumour going around that the moral standards of Registered Nurses are no business of the G.N.C. If not, why have we to be guaranteed by our Training Schools as women of good moral character before we may enter for the State Examinations? And why have we a Disciplinary Committee appointed by the G.N.C. if good conduct and a high moral standard is to be ignored?

Miss Nightingale laid it down that nurses should be superintended by nurses, and not by medical men and women.

As far as I can gather, never have we had so ignorant and unsympathetic a Council as our present Governing Body. Why should we submit without protest to medical dictators, supported by society women who have no right whatever to govern professional nurses?"

[We sympathise entirely with our correspondent's opinions.—ED.]

Fairplay.

Sister Tutor writes:—"I always read with interest the reports of the Council meetings of the British College of Nurses, as it appears to give considered attention to our professional, as apart from our personal, needs. May I venture to hope the College will revert to its policy of pointing out to the new Public Health Committee of the L.C.C. the injustice of placing unregistered Nurses in positions of Departmental authority as Sisters in special departments in municipal hospitals. The system has not ceased. I note that the L.C.C. is paying out of the rates to have six nurses undergo a Course for Dietitians at King's College and the College of Nursing. Why, therefore, cannot they help registered nurses to fit themselves for other special work in our municipal hospitals? It is to be hoped that the Labour L.C.C. will support this policy of discriminating between the registered and unregistered worker."

NOTICE.

A Nurse Needs Uniform.

A Registered Nurse who has been in adverse circumstances has now obtained a permanent case and finds that she needs outdoor uniform, and she would be grateful to anyone who has a uniform she does not require, if she would generously bestow it upon her. Her height is nearly six feet.

The Editor knows the needs of this lady, and any reply to this request may be addressed to her at the office of this JOURNAL, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1.

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We regret that no Paper on Asthma, the question for March, has been received of sufficient value for which to award a Prize.

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