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## EDITORIAL.

### CONSULTATION AROUND THE MINISTERIAL TABLE.

#### THE RIGHT OF SELF-GOVERNMENT.

Below will be found a statement signed by four State Registered Sisters, calling all nurses to act with courage for "The well-being of patients." We greatly rejoiced to receive their appeal, as, based as it is on conscientious conviction and devotion to duty, it must

Nurses, Ltd., at its recent meeting on September 27th, agreed to petition the Minister of Health for consultation with representatives of Nurses' Organisations, to place their considered convictions before him, for the benefit of the sick and standards of National Health. In this connection, the policy of the General Nursing Councils of conducting the control of Registered Nurses whilst failing to consult them on their professional affairs, must cease. The whole policy of de-grading nursing standards has been made possible by lack of publicity.



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HOSPITAL SISTERS IN CONSULTATION AT THE MINISTERIAL TABLE.

be recognised as the first step leading upwards to ultimate success where nursing reform is attained.

Reform must be based on self-government, and it is to be hoped that the four sisters making the present appeal will convince their colleagues, and all persons associated with them in nursing the sick, that the day has passed when the personnel of a skilled profession can be governed by proxy and *in camera*.

It has been tried and failed. The policy of fading away from difficulties, whatever they may be, is unworthy of the British national character, which has proved its policy of "backs to the wall" to be insurmountable throughout the ages.

As reported on another page, the British College of

## CALLING ALL NURSES.

We have pleasure in publishing the following appeal, and hope it may have an enthusiastic response.

#### THE WELL-BEING OF PATIENTS.

We believe that nurses of to-day are concerned primarily with the well-being of their patients, but nurses are so tired and dissatisfied that they are unable adequately to nurse their patients. It is obvious that nurses with a grievance cannot give efficient service.

We are convinced that both the training of nurses and the conditions under which nurses live and work need reform. That drastic change is needed is shown

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