

large portion of the Nursing Profession, proposes to petition the Queen in Council to grant them a Royal Charter incorporating the Association and authorising it to keep such a Register. The provisions of the Charter must be carried out by a Registration Board composed of Medical men and Nurses. This Board would certainly accept as proof of training the certificates now given by the recognised training schools of Nurses, together with testimonials of good character, and on submitting these the Nurse's name would be placed on the Register. The responsibility of deciding upon the qualification of a Nurse would therefore really rest upon the training school, which could withhold the certificate, without which the Nurse could not register."

"THERE is not the slightest interference here between the training schools and their pupils, no attempt at reducing the art of nursing to a 'dead level,' no doing away with the tests of personal fitness to which every Hospital subjects its Probationers. The ubiquitous individual who under various signatures is making all these false statements is merely attempting to blind the public to the fact that at present there is no protection against any woman, however destitute of knowledge or character, choosing to call herself a Trained Nurse, and no means of preventing Trained Nurses who disgrace their calling over and over again from continuing to do so. Stress need not be laid upon the dangers to which the public are exposed at the hands of both classes. Another mis-statement I should like to correct: the Hospitals Association did not originate the scheme of Registration; it sprang out of a letter from myself written to that Association about four years ago, and as the result of the suggestions contained in that letter a conference of the leading Matrons in the metropolis was called; out of that we formed a sub-committee to work out the idea. There we learnt that a mixed lay and professional body was not the best for working out strictly professional schemes, and that Registration under a voluntary association was practically valueless, and so we seceded and formed the British Nurses' Association. I have the correspondence in my possession to prove the truth of my statement.—I am, &c., C. J. WOOD."

I AM glad to hear that Miss Emily Cecilia Kayes has been recently appointed Matron of the Tewkesbury Hospital. She was trained at University College Hospital, then worked at the British Lying-in Hospital, Endell Street, obtaining the certificate of that institution, and the diploma of the Obstetrical Society of London. She next studied Practical Dispensing under Professor

Joseph Ince in the Laboratory of the Pharmaceutical Society. Miss Kayes has therefore had an unusually varied experience in Nursing work, which will doubtless prove most useful in her new post. My readers may note with advantage that Dispensing can apparently be learnt at the very headquarters of the art, so to speak, in Bloomsbury Square. Many Nurses, especially the Matrons of small country or Cottage Hospitals, wish they knew something of Dispensing, and inquiries on the subject frequently come to us.

FROM the first appearance of this journal we have had occasional communications as to the identity of the Nurse who figures upon the title-page. As our circulation increases, these questions become more frequent, and Mr. Editor, therefore, asks me to state most definitely and distinctly here that he cannot give the name and address of the Nurse in question to anyone, for the simple reason that the face is, of course, quite an ideal one. We feel sorry for the disappointment this announcement will doubtless cause to two recent correspondents, one of whom, from the United States, wished to know if "the Nurse" was "open to an engagement"; and the other, from a great commercial town in the Midlands, "desired to offer her his hand, heart, and a tidy income." This is quite a novel addition to the ordinary embarrassments of the editorial office.

To those who are opposing Registration, I commend the careful perusal of the following from last week's *Norwood Review*. Of course the woman alluded to could not have been a Trained Nurse. But it is women of this stamp whom Registration would at once eliminate from our ranks, and who until then will continue to disgrace the calling and throw discredit upon everyone engaged in it, putting aside the danger to the public from their ministrations.

"SIR,—Whilst cordially endorsing 'The Oracle's' remarks concerning Trained Nurses, will you allow me to protest against the modern ridiculous 'fad' for calling in a professional Nurse on the very smallest provocation? A few years ago we were considered quite capable of nursing those near and dear to us, and, excepting in cases of acute delirium, &c., where great muscular strength is required, I maintain that we are so still. But now, directly the least thing is the matter, a Nurse must be procured, with the result so graphically described by your correspondent. For this state of things I hold the Doctors more to blame than the relatives of the patient. A case in point happened in my own family not many years ago. One of our

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