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Registration

The Nurses' Hostel,  
Francis Street, W.C.

July 4<sup>th</sup> 1906.

Dear Alice -

I really have not the knowledge to go into the technicalities of this business to say nothing of the question of leisure.

All those who really know are in favour of a central nursing board with ~~an~~ an independent examination.

This is opposed by the great Hospitals who don't know the condition of affairs in

the Nursing profession at large.  
\* fear for their prestige.

But all those who want  
the Central Board & examina-  
tion are not in favour of  
State registration at present.  
Those who would put it off  
are of opinion that State  
registration at this juncture  
would stereotype existing  
evils & that it would be  
better to work quietly for

ten years (as the Midwives  
Society did) before approach-  
ing Parliament.

But this quiet working  
is not to the taste of the  
\* lady you mention & that  
brings me to the second ground  
on which it is desired to  
postpone Registration. The  
Cause can prosper that she  
furthers, because the deep  
Distrust that she inspires  
will prevent harmonious  
well considered action. The  
Mrs Bedford Fenwick (3)

personal element hinders  
here to a degree that it  
is difficult to realise. Her  
Case is a good one though  
over stated -

Yours affectionately  
Nancy Paul

P.S. It does not matter  
as the whole business is  
not at present within the  
range of practical politics.