



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.

COURSE OF SCIENTIFIC HYGIENE.

To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."

DEAR MADAM,—As we have reason to believe that the Course of Scientific Hygiene carried out at this College is little, if at all, known, we desire to inform you of the very thorough training afforded to women studying this subject in our College.

We have for many years provided a thorough education in various branches of science, preparing many students for degrees in science and for the earlier medical examinations. Seven years ago the subject of Hygiene was added to the College curriculum, and we enclose a syllabus of the course. You will see that, in addition to theoretical teaching, great importance is attached to laboratory work as a part of the training. This, we believe, is unique, and we also believe it to be necessary if women are to have a first-hand knowledge of the subject, and are to become intelligent and effective workers.

Every effort is also made to give the students practical experience, and visits and inspections are multiplied as far as possible. The co-operation of a Medical Officer of Health and a woman Sanitary Inspector has enabled our students to gain a very thorough insight into and experience of the work of sanitary inspecting.

After obtaining a preliminary knowledge of Chemistry and Physics, the whole time of a student is required for the course, which extends from October to June. The course is recognised by all qualifying authorities—South Kensington, Sanitary Inspectors' Joint Examination Board, Sanitary Institute—and far exceeds their requirements.

Already appointments of importance have been obtained by holders of our certificate; one student has just been appointed an Inspector in the Factory Department of the Home Office; one is assistant to the Bacteriologist to the Royal Commission on Sewage disposal; another has just been appointed Sanitary Inspector at Rochdale, and others are working as Health Lecturers, Inspectors, &c.—We are, yours faithfully,

W. J. RUSSELL, F.R.S.,
Chairman of Council.

ETHEL HURLBATT,
Principal.

Bedford College for Women (University of London).

A WEEKLY DUTY.

To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."

DEAR MADAM,—I am anxious to hear of a nurse who is either residing on the island of Sark, or who will be there during next month; failing Sark, a resident in Guernsey would do. Among your numerous readers there is surely such a one, and the weekly

service I would ask her to render a patient of mine would neither interfere with her duty or her pleasure.

Yours very truly,

E. M. HOMERSHAM,
Lady Superintendent.

Ravenswood, Highgate Road, London,

FLOATING HOSPITALS.

To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."

DEAR MADAM,—I read your interesting little article on "Floating Hospitals" with much interest. You know, no doubt, that the London County Council is most anxious to utilise the Thames, both for the social and material benefit of Londoners, but that the present Government has obstructed every effort made by the Council to make use of it for the benefit of the people. Under these circumstances cannot you arouse interest in so splendid a scheme amongst public spirited women? It seems they are now the inspiration and chief movers in all movements for reform, and also for the benefit of the poor and helpless. It is a shame that thousands of poor little children, and also their weary drudges of mothers, have no appliances provided for them to enjoy the fresh air and quiet rest alone obtainable surrounded by the cool, soothing water. Is not the convalescence of our King an object lesson? Though laid low in a magnificent palace, surrounded by spacious gardens, what happens? Why, immediately it is safe to move him he is carried away on to his palatial yacht, and there given the best chance of speedy recovery by inhaling pure ozone. Each great hospital, especially those founded for the benefit of children, might organise a "floating" annexe away down the river for the summer months. How the children would revel in it!—Yours,

A LOVER OF FRESH AIR.

NORTH INDIA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE FOR WOMEN.

To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."

DEAR MADAM,—May I draw the attention of your readers to the appeal which is being made on behalf of the North India School of Medicine for Women, £3,800 is still required to complete the necessary buildings.

A gentleman and his wife have undertaken to be responsible for £1,000, provided the remaining £2,800 can be raised without delay. As soon as the requisite buildings are finished and there are eight doctors upon the staff, the University of Lahore will affiliate the school. The students will then be eligible for the higher medical examinations. For the support of the school and the memorial hospital (seventy beds) £1,500 a year is needed. Subscriptions may be sent to Miss M. W. Brown, 120, St. James's Road, West Croydon, Surrey.—Yours truly,

A FRIEND OF THE WOMEN OF INDIA.

THE USE OF EXPERT INFORMATION.

To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."

MADAM,—In common with all your readers, I was deeply interested in the lucid description given of the operation for perityphlitic abscess. Even the very detailed bulletins which the daily Press has published fail to convey a clear idea to the lay minds whose studies have not embraced anatomical details.

A lady of wide reading, and wide travel too, was describing to me the operation; she said a long piece

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