



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.

OUR GUINEA PRIZE.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I beg to acknowledge receipt of cheque for one guinea. It gave me much pleasure and was a great surprise. With many thanks,

Believe me, yours truly,

E. H. ROWLATT.

Kent Nurses' Co-operation, Margate.

DAY NURSERY FOR THE CHILDREN OF WORKING MOTHERS.

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

MADAM,—May we appeal through your columns to all lovers of children to help the Day Nursery for the Infants of Working Mothers?

The need for the institute cannot be exaggerated. To-day the working mother finds herself in a cruel position—either she must abandon her necessary efforts to earn bread for her little ones, or she must remain under the gravest apprehension that while she is absent from home they will not receive proper care. Frequently the hands into which she must entrust them are inexperienced or careless, or worse. The children get bad food, and are without that constant attention so necessary to the very young. Often they sustain physical injuries felt throughout their lives. What their immediate sufferings are those who have visited poor districts may see for themselves; the results in child mortality and the lives of the rachitic and unhealthy who survive, medical experts have pointed out again and again.

A remedy for this state of things will be provided by the establishment of Model Day Nurseries in some of the poorer districts of London. There competent nurses will attend to the children; there will be thorough and constant medical supervision, there bathing, feeding, clothing, and all the branches of child-rearing will be carried out in the best ways known.

Our Committee consists of those having a practical first-hand acquaintance with the lives of the poor, and its members have, either as guardians, social reformers, or in other capacities, been brought into close touch with the lives of the workers in our great cities.

Every care will be taken to ensure the strictly economical conduct of the Nurseries. We have already received many encouraging expressions of good will and kind gifts, but to establish the institution on a firm basis we need a large accession of funds. On behalf of the Committee we most urgently appeal to all who care for the coming generation to help in this good work. Cheques should be made payable to

"Day Nursery for the Children of Working Mothers" and crossed Drummond's Bank.

(Signed) GEORGE LANSBURY, Chairman.

MARY KINNOULL.

CLAUDE G. HAY, M.P., Treasurer.

MARION BLAKE, Hon. Secretary.

376, Strand, London, W.C.

[We regret that owing to great pressure on our space on account of the amount devoted to the Board of Trade Meeting, we are obliged to hold over further correspondence this week.—ED.]

Comments and Replies.

Salus Infirmarum.—You would find the Hotel Tamise, Rue d'Alger, Paris, quiet, comfortable, moderate, and very central. We should advise you to write for tariff. If this does not suit you, we will give you other addresses if you will write again. We are much obliged for your kind and appreciative words in regard to this Journal.

Private Nurse.—St. Andrew's House Club, Mortimer Street, W., is a most comfortable club for nurses. Write to the Secretary for a prospectus.

Pseudonym.—We are always glad to consider articles of practical nursing interest.

Notices.

THE SOCIETY FOR STATE REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

All those desirous of helping on the important movement of this Society to obtain a Bill providing for the Legal Registration of Trained Nurses will find an application form on page vii., or can obtain all information concerning the Society and its work from the Secretary, 431, Oxford Street, London, W.

Those nurses who are working on behalf of the above Society, and are endeavouring to spread knowledge as to its aims, may be glad to know that they can now obtain a Memorandum, giving briefly the reasons why Registration is necessary, from the Hon. Secretary, 431, Oxford Street, London, W. Price 6d. for 20 copies.

Those interested in the efficient organisation of nursing should procure the Annual Report of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses from the Hon. Secretary, 431, Oxford Street, London, W. Six copies, post free, 7d., or one copy, 1d. Gives a brief review of the history of State Registration of Nurses.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

The Editor will at all times be pleased to consider articles of a suitable nature for insertion in this journal—those on practical nursing are specially invited. The Editor will also be pleased to receive paragraphs, such as items of nursing news, results of nurses' examinations, new appointments, reports of hospital functions, also letters on questions of interest to nurses, and newspapers marked with reports of matters of professional interest.

Such communications must be duly authenticated with name and address, not necessarily for publication, but as evidence of good faith, and should be addressed to the Editor, 20, Upper Wimpole Street, London, W.

OUR PRIZE PUZZLE.

Rules for competing for the Pictorial Puzzle Prize will be found on Advertisement page viii.

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