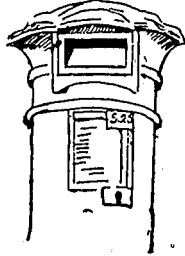


Letters to the Editor.



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 HOLIDAY PRIZE.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I beg to acknowledge receipt of cheque for Three Guineas for Puzzle Prize. With many thanks, wishing your Journal every success, I am, yours faithfully,

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THE EXCLUSION OF IRELAND FROM THE REGISTRATION BILL.

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

DEAR MADAM,—When it became known in Ireland that the Government actually propose to deprive Irish Nurses of the great benefits which must result from the Registration Bill, dismay and indignation were immediate. It is the most unjust proposition possible, and I feel sure you will realise the result such exclusion would have on the status of nurses, and standard of nursing in Ireland. It would mean nothing more or less than the ruin of our training schools. Is it credible that well-educated Irish girls would enter Irish hospitals for training, when they would lead to no legal status or preferment? Certainly they would not, and small blame to them. Imagine English and Scottish nurses with a Central Nursing Council, organised standards in the schools, a State certificate, and Registration, and Irish nurses with *nothing*—and after all we Irish nurses have done for years to support this movement, being far more solid for Registration in Ireland than either England or Scotland. What right have our Local Government Board to interfere with general hospital nurses? They have nothing to do with us—and more's the pity, the standard for nurses they do control is such a poor one! Meetings have already been held to protest against this great mistake, in Dublin and Belfast, and we are going to rouse every nurse we know to claim her right to be legislated for on the same terms as English and Scottish nurses. Surely it is only fair. Why was not the Irish Nurses' Association consulted, instead of the Irish Local Government Board? How much trouble would be saved if only women might manage their own affairs!

Yours truly,

AN INDIGNANT IRISH NURSE.

[The action of the Irish Office in this particular has been most ill-advised. We, however, have not any doubt that when the Nurses' Registration Bill passes into law, its great benefits will be extended to Ireland. In the meantime we must all help to have it so.—Ed.]

TWO STANDARDS FOR REGISTERED NURSES.

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

DEAR EDITOR,—Your paper, and the translations from it are read with great interest by the Dutch nurses, especially all things referring to your struggle for obtaining State Registration. Now I should like to ask you a question about one of the new clauses, which were proposed for the Nurses' Registration Bill on July 21st. It is the second one. I do not quite understand the scope of it, and I am sure many foreign nurses will feel the same difficulty. Will not that clause undo much of the work of the Bill? If it is accepted, it seems to be that there will be two registers, one for registered nurses and one for associate nurses. But how will the public be able to distinguish between them? Will not that be a way of continuing the existing confusion? I should be very much obliged to you, if you would give me an explanation of the meaning of this clause, so that I, in my turn, can tell everything clearly to our nurses.

Believe me, yours truly,

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[This Clause refers to the proposal made by the Privy Council that a register of associate nurses with a lower standard of training than that required for "registered nurses" may, if recommended by the Nursing Council, be instituted in the future. It is a point on which we should welcome correspondence. We have to bear in mind that our standard for Registration will affect the nurses of other nations.—Ed.]

THE WORK IN LOCK HOSPITALS.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I was glad to see a note on the Treatment of Syphilis in last week's Journal. It is a pity the question of Lock Hospitals and their work is so seldom referred to in the Nursing Press. I have felt it my duty to work in them, and believe false modesty upon the part of women, and a lack of frankness upon the part of men, is responsible for half the sufferers from syphilis. I have been working in this branch ever since the South African War, when its ravages in all classes of the army filled me with horror and indignation. Why all this secrecy? The disease is rampant, honest men and women can help to stamp it out. Then why is not a raid made upon it with the same frank determination as upon tuberculosis and the infectious diseases? There would be nothing indelicate in trained women arousing the conscience of the public on this question. Why don't we nurses tackle this question at our next International Congress? If we are really in earnest in our desire to save human beings from wrecked lives here is a terrible problem. Mind, until women come out and help to fight this most horrible of all diseases it is not going to be stamped out.

Yours obediently,

QUITE A MODEST PERSON.

[We entirely sympathise with these opinions. Recently we have received from the States some copies of "Educational Pamphlet No. 4," ("The Boy Problem for Parents and Teachers"), issued

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