

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

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CANADIAN SISTERS DEEPLY ESTEEM  
IMPERIAL SISTERS.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—Referring to part of a letter which appeared in the *Canadian Nurse* and in the May 1st issue of your journal, may I say I did not write in an unkind spirit but in honest doubt, as at first I found the distinctions of dress amongst military sisters quite as confusing, though as necessary, as the stars and stripes of officers and men.

The Canadian Sisters who have been in the Imperial Hospitals have the deepest esteem for the Imperial Sisters, and I should be very sorry indeed to imply anything to the contrary.

Yours sincerely,

CANADIAN SISTER.

[We did not gather the impression that "Canadian Sister" criticised our Imperial Military Sisters adversely; quite the contrary, as she now states. Military uniform distinctions are naturally somewhat confusing to "civil" nurses at first.—Ed.]

## MARKET VALUE OF SKILLED NURSING.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—“Ruth Wilson,” in your last issue, invites your contributors to express an opinion on the “Market Value of Skilled Nursing.” She expresses herself, although a private nurse earning £2 2s. a week, willing “to work under the Army Service for their standard salary, about £40 a year.” She very rightly states that “Army Nurses and Hospital Sisters (often at a salary of £30) are quite as well trained as we private nurses, so how can we command a higher fee?” No worker can command a higher fee so long as the most skilled members of any trade or profession are willing to accept sweating salaries—and nurses are more helpless than any other class of skilled workers, because, in the name of charity, their work is exploited in the most un-Christian manner. I have not time to discuss this economic question at length, but I must offer a protest against £30 a year being offered for the services of a certificated Ward Sister, and £40 by a Government Department such as the War Office, for a certificated nurse, which thus excludes attendance on our wounded defenders in military hospitals to private nurses, who are, in many instances, by financial help, keeping homes together in the absence of their glorious male folk—God bless them.

Yours truly,

ALSO A SCOTTISH NURSE.

## NOTICES.

## FRENCH FLAG NURSING CORPS.

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May 29th.—Give three essentials in the nursing care of the mother during the first week of the puerperium.

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OF TRAINED NURSES.

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