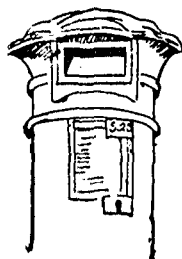


Letters to the Editor.

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.

AN APPEAL FOR UNIVERSITY COLLEGE HOSPITAL.

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

DEAR MADAM,—The Committee are compelled to issue a special appeal for increased support to enable them to carry on the Hospital in an efficient manner.

In order to meet pressing tradesmen's bills the Committee have reluctantly been obliged, since the 1st January, 1906, to sell out stock of the value of £12,286 4s. 6d., thereby seriously reducing the permanent income of the charity.

During the whole of the past year 279 beds have been in use as against an average of 212½ during 1905, and, although this large increase in the number of beds has caused considerable additional expenditure, the average cost of the occupied beds has been reduced from £99 14s. 8½d. in 1905 to £87 0s. 7½d. in 1906. This important reduction must be looked upon as satisfactory.

In 1906 the Hospital treated 70,379 in and out-patients, a fact which proves most strongly the necessity for the maintenance of this great institution in unimpaired usefulness.

The Committee cannot too often urge upon the benevolent the excellent method of improving the permanent income of the Charity by Endowing beds or cots, to be named in perpetuity as desired. Payments for the purpose may be made in one sum, by instalments or by bequest.

Your obedient servants,
 BEDFORD, President.
 HENRY LUCAS,
 Treasurer and Chairman of
 General Committee.
 WALTER BAILY,
 Vice-Chairman of General
 Committee.

Contributions will be gratefully received, and may be forwarded to the Bankers, Messrs. Coutts and Co., 440, Strand, W.C.; to the Treasurer and Chairman, Henry Lucas, Esq.; or to the Secretary, Mr. Newton H. Nixon, at the Hospital.

FEVER NURSES AND STATE REGISTRATION.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I am very pleased that someone has taken up the cudgels on behalf of fever nurses, and I certainly think some provision should be made for them under State Registration, it being a special and very important branch

of nursing, dealing as it does so much with young children. It seems to me that before a nurse is registered as a fully trained medical and surgical nurse, she should have gained some practical experience in the nursing of infectious diseases, as I have known fully certificated nurses, who have not even seen, much less nursed, a case of tracheotomy. I should like to thank Dr. Biernacki most heartily for his kindness in bringing this matter forward.

I remain, yours faithfully,
 A. THOMAS, Matron.

The Park Fever Hospital,
 Hither Green.

[We have pleasure in publishing the above letter from a Matron of so much experience in fever nursing. To bring matters to a practical issue, we hope the Matrons of some of the fever hospitals will take the initiative and call an informal meeting to discuss the question of a Fever Nurses' Association, and invite Dr. Biernacki to explain his views on the subject.—Ed.]

A CHARMING HOME.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I wonder whether any Matrons or Roman Catholic Nurses wishing to visit Harrow and the Convent of the Visitation would like to hear of a nice house where paying guests are received. It is a charming house with a delightful old-fashioned garden and croquet lawn.

The company is refined and cultured, the air is bracing, and the view magnificent; the food is not only wholesome but varied and appetising and dainty, and no one could be nicer than Miss Merry and her servants.

The charges vary from 4 to 5 shillings a day, and 10s. 6d. for a week-end, starting from lunch on Saturday to breakfast on Monday.

The fare on the Great Central is one shilling return; the train stops at no other station, and comes direct here in 15 minutes. Another ten minutes through the fields brings one to the house.

Several of the gentleman go up to town every day, and find it easier and more accessible than the suburbs.

I cannot imagine any place so near, and so beautiful, which takes one out of one's surroundings more than Harrow. To see the boys about the town in their grey trousers, Eton or swallow-tail coats, their low crowned and broad brimmed sailor hats secured by an elastic band at the back of their heads, is a treat in itself.

I arrive feeling like a worm, and in a couple of days I already feel ready for the Paris campaign.

Hoping this will be a help to others,
 Yours faithfully,

E. R. WORTABET.
 Miss Merry, Howard House, Crown Street,
 Harrow-on-the Hill.

A HISTORY OF NURSING.

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

DEAR MADAM,—It is with great pleasure that I observe that we are shortly to have a history of

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