

THE CARE OF THE SICK.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I should be the last to wish to depreciate the value of Christian teaching and ideals, as a helpful influence in a nurse's life, but do any nurses—Christian or otherwise—really consider any of the things they have to do for the sick, as suggested by Mr. F. B. Meyer in the address to nurses mentioned in your last issue, repulsive, and impossible? I cannot imagine anyone with a true nursing instinct, that is to say, anyone who ought to take up nursing as a profession, finding them so. Surely the fact that the sick in our charge are in need and discomfort, and that something we can do can relieve their necessity, or minimise their discomfort, should suffice to make the task an easy one for us. I doubt if any of your readers have ever met a nurse whose work appeared to her impossible on account of its repulsiveness. I have met a good many hundreds of nurses, and I can honestly say I do not know one who feels in this way.

I am, dear Madam,
Yours faithfully,
SCEPTICAL.

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

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

DEAR MADAM,—As one who was present at the International Nursing Conference in Paris in 1907, I rejoice to know that Canada is taking steps to affiliate to the International Council. She will get a great ovation next year. As the aims and work of the Council become known, it must attract to its ranks all that is most thoughtful and best in the nursing profession. I look forward with joy to a great increase in the membership of the Council in 1909, and I hope Canada, like the United States, will stretch out her hands to Japan, and in time to come the girdle of international nursing friendship will encircle the world.

I am, dear Madam,
Yours faithfully,
AN INTERNATIONAL ENTHUSIAST.

THE ETON HARE HUNT.

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

DEAR MADAM,—In this matter, as in so many others, the gentler sex seem to be getting more than their share of attention. The recent Ladies' Protest to the Headmaster of Eton against the hunting of gravid hares is quite justified by the facts; but let us not forget the unfortunate male hares, who are the usual victims of the sport. "Dead beat," "absolutely stiff," "so done that it could not stand"—these are some of the descriptions of the hare's condition recorded by the boys themselves in their school journal, where we have read of one "gallant old Jack hare" who stood up before the pack for two hours and twenty minutes before he was rolled over. It is not only in the exceptional cases of hunting heavy hares, but in its ordinary character that hare-hunting is so demoralising a practice for schoolboys. Indeed, there is force in Ouida's remark that "the very

discussion whether the hares are heavy or light seems insupportably brutal."

I am, yours faithfully,
A MERE MAN.

Comments and Replies.

Miss J. P. J.—All that is necessary in solving the puzzles is to give the names of the firms mentioned, but we will consider your suggestion.

C. H.—Please note our invariable rule that the full names of correspondents must be sent up before we reply.

Miss S. K. V., Sudbourne.—Write to the Hamburg-American Line, 16, Cockspur Street, S.W.; the Cunard Steamship Co., 30, Cockspur Street; and the Atlantic Transport Line, 38, Leadenhall Street, and make inquiries. You should be careful in making any contract to be rated as an officer, not as a stewardess. This is an important point to bear in mind.

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The International Council of Nurses.

The National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland.

The Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses

The Registered Nurses' Society.

The School Nurses' League.

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Notices.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE STATE REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

All those desirous of helping on the important movement of this Society to obtain an Act providing for the Legal Registration of Trained Nurses can obtain all information concerning the Society and its work from the Hon. Secretary, 431, Oxford Street, London, W.

An application form for those who wish to become members of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses will be found on page iii. of cover. It will soon be too late to help on the important work of this Society. No habitual reader of this journal can, we feel sure, be content to stand aside and let others found the great Profession of Nursing. Now is the time to help.

OUR PUZZLE COMPETITION.

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