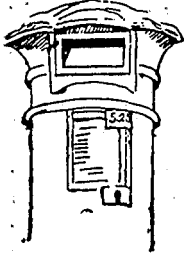


## Letters to the Editor.



*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.*

## SOCIAL ECONOMICS.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I am glad to see that the value of the nurse as a social worker is receiving attention in your valuable Journal, and to know that Queen's Nurses have definite instruction, enabling them to deal with the social problems with which they meet in their work.

I have had a good deal of insight into the work of district visitors, and so far as this is of a friendly nature, and helps to bridge over the divisions between classes, this is good. But my experience of the majority of district visitors is that they have an abysmal ignorance of the problems which confront them in their work, and that they go in and out of the houses which they visit with their eyes shut, and do not seriously count with those whom, in all sincerity, they desire to benefit, except as the agency through which gifts come at Christmas, through which places are found for the girls, and dinners if a member of the family happens to be ill.

Could not some lectures be arranged for district visitors, as well as trained nurses, in "social economics," so that they may have the opportunity of taking up this work, which is full of possibilities for usefulness, with some knowledge of things as they are, instead of as amateur philanthropists.

A PARISH WORKER.

## THE TERRITORIAL NURSING SERVICE.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I note with pleasure that the arrangements for the organisation of the Nursing Service of the Territorial Force are progressing well, and that the selection of the nursing staff of the hospitals, from the Matrons downwards, is in professional hands. It is the only method of attracting the best type of nurses to the Service, and the best guarantee of its efficiency in the future.

When we remember that the nurses enrolled will not be called up for duty except in the case of a foreign invasion, then surely every nurse within the age limit should wish to belong to this Service, and consider it an honour to be enrolled amongst its members. We must thank the present Secretary of State for War that the nursing profession is to be allowed a voice in the selection of the nurses for this Service, and it should be our pride to prove how efficient it can be made now that we have the opportunity.

Yours faithfully,

THREE YEARS' CERTIFICATE.

## Comments and Replies.

*African Nurse.*—We should advise you to write to Miss Keith Payne, Matron of the Wellington Hospital, Wellington, New Zealand, Hon. Vice-President of the International Council of Nurses, or to Miss Maclean, Deputy Inspector of Nurses and Midwives, Government Buildings, Wellington, New Zealand, before taking any definite steps.

*Private Nurse.*—One of the points which makes for the success of a private nurse is that she can be relied upon to start speedily after a call. It is well, therefore, to keep a trunk partially packed with uniform and other things certain to be wanted. It is then easy to add a few necessaries, and no time is wasted, while packing is done, after the receipt of a call.

*Enquirer.*—The form to be gone through before a patient is received into a Licensed Retreat under the Inebriates' Act is that he or she must sign a "Request for Reception" before a Justice of the Peace, stating willingness to enter the Retreat, and to remain for a definite period. This may be done in any private room. Statutory declarations must also be furnished by two persons who are able to testify, from personal knowledge, that the applicant is an inebriate within the meaning of the Act. After these documents have been signed the applicant can be legally detained until the period mentioned in the request has expired.

## Notices.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE STATE REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

Members of the Society are asked to further its work by sending any extra copies they may receive of this week's issue of "The British Journal of Nursing" to a nurse friend, and inviting her to apply for membership.

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.

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.

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.

## OUR PUZZLE COMPETITION.

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