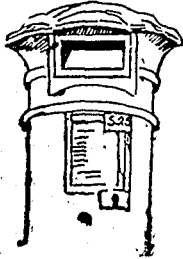


## Letters to the Editor.



*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.*

### NURSING IN SANATORIA.

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

DEAR MADAM,—In an article in last week's number of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING on the East Anglian Sanatorium and Maltings' Farm Sanatorium, Nayland, the writer draws attention in her last sentence to the fact that the nurses are not trained. She adds, "No doubt there are many reasons for this." That is true, and if I may I should like to state them, first mentioning a fact not stated in the article, that the Matron at the East Anglian Sanatorium, and the Sister in Charge at Maltings' Farm Sanatorium are both fully trained nurses, and there is a Resident Medical Officer. We have at the East Anglian Sanatorium one nurse to every seven patients, and the Head Nurse has had nearly eight years' experience in this particular work, and knows more of the treatment of phthisis than most hospital trained nurses, and having been originally a patient can realise the patient's point of view far better. There is not enough real nursing and variety to satisfy the nurse fresh from the hospital wards, for we have tried it often. Filling hot water bottles, carrying trays, wrapping up patients in rugs encouraging them to persevere to the last mouthful of their dinner, these are some of the duties of our nurses. Not strong enough for general training, and yet quite strong enough under supervision to work in the open-air life of a Sanatorium, is it not right that we should help them to do the work for which they are eminently fitted?

Believe me, yours faithfully,

K. SYNGE,

Matron of East Anglian and  
Maltings' Farm Sanatoria.

East Anglian Sanatorium,  
Nayland, Colchester.

### VOILÀ TOUT.

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

DEAR EDITOR,—I hope you will not think us very frivolous, but when I tore the cover off the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING in our sitting-room last week, a friend called out, "Is there another "Voilà Tout"? and then we all set to, to discuss this novel in a nutshell. I do hope we are to have more of them. We are all good registrationists, but most nurses love stories.

Yours truly,

C. T. B.

[Would it be pleasing to have a competition under this heading? Say, a prize of five shillings

for the most interesting story—not to exceed one hundred words?—Ed.]

### PERSONAL SERVICE.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I have read with surprise the criticism of the scheme of the Nursing Corps of the Territorial Army. Why is London so dead alive and reactionary in nursing matters? All over the country the Volunteer scheme providing for personal service on the part of the nurses has met with the utmost popularity, and yet directly it is proposed that metropolitan nurses shall have the right to volunteer for active service—as the whole Territorial Force, fighting and medical, has—a cold douche souses our patriotism. The truth is that of recent years a nurse, trained in certain London hospitals, is never permitted to think and act for herself, even when she ceases to be on the staff. I hope the Territorial Force will continue wholly volunteer. What right has any lay committee to pledge its nursing staff for military nursing service? None whatever unless such a contract is made with the probationer, before admittance for training. Your editorial last week was much to the point, and struck a welcome note. Many nurses are heartily tired of being classed "with the lint and the bandages."

Yours sincerely,

VOLUNTEER.

## Comments and Replies.

*Maternity Nurse.*—Many authorities now hold that the infant's binder, which formerly was so important a part in the ritual of a baby's toilet, is not only unnecessary but harmful, and that its only use is to keep on the dressing until the separation of the cord, after which it should be discarded. You should therefore ascertain the wishes of the medical attendant on this point.

## Notices.

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

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 future Profession of Nursing. Now is the time to help.

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.

### OUR PUZZLE COMPETITION.

Rules for competing for the Pictorial Puzzle Prize will be found on Advertisement page xii.

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