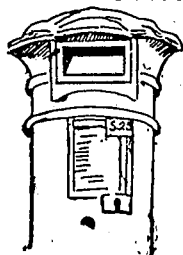


Letters to the Editor.



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.

OUR GUINEA PRIZE.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I have just received cheque for £1 ls., for which I sincerely thank you. I was very much surprised, for I hardly ever win a prize.

Yours sincerely,

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Seven Kings, Essex.

NURSES AND THE VOTE.

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

DEAR EDITOR,—In my capacity of deligate from Holland to the I.W.S.A., I had the great privilege of seeing the entry into the Albert Hall of the Pageant of working women in favour of woman suffrage on Tuesday evening in last week. Being a working woman myself, I want to thank all those, but especially the nurses, for taking part in that Pageant. When the different parts of the procession stood at the five entrances ready to walk down into the hall a feeling of deep emotion overcame us. I realised at that moment as never before what it means for a hard working woman to be unfranchised, to be unable to take part in the making of laws which affect her and her children.

It was a grand sight seeing you march past, "one in mind and heart and will," as Mrs. Despard said in the Meeting on Monday afternoon. Impressions such as we got that Tuesday are never to be forgotten, they are halting places in life, to which we look back when the aim for which we are striving seems so very far, and our courage is faltering; I believe they make us other and better women.

I wish the nurses coming over in July for our own congress could witness such a Pageant.

Yours sincerely,

J. C. VAN LANSCHOT-HUBRECHT.

Hon. Secretary, The Dutch Nurses' Association.

PRIVATE NURSES' HOSPITALITY.

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

DEAR MADAM,—Will you allow me, through our Journal, to thank those nurses who have already sent me subscriptions towards giving a luncheon to some of our foreign guests, who are visiting London for the International Congress of Nurses in July? I think I shall be able to arrange for quite a nice number to be entertained, but shall be glad if all those who intend to subscribe, and if possible take

part in the luncheon party, will let me know their wishes as soon as convenient.

I am, Madam,

Yours faithfully,

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SISTERS IN NAVAL HOSPITALS.

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

DEAR MADAM,—May I refer to your editorial comment on a letter which recently appeared in the *Naval and Military Record* on the subject of "The Naval Nursing Sisters." The facts stated in it are only too true; the length of the hours on duty, the wretched times off, worse than those of a probationer in a general hospital—(in some hospitals the Sisters have barely three hours off every other day)—the night duty, which is a veritable nightmare, and the very trying rules by which it is made even worse. Also the slow and rather practically hopeless chances of promotion, and the unpleasantness of having to instruct a class of male probationers in the wards before a "gaping crowd of patients and stewards." In conclusion, it warns all nurses who have any chance of a Sister's post in a general hospital not to join the Naval Nursing Service as at present constituted, or they will bitterly regret it, and I entirely endorse this statement. If something is not done to remedy these wretched conditions it will soon be impossible to get a suitable woman to join the Service, as no woman in the 20th century would willingly submit to such a miserable existence. Many people say that it is only a means to an end, and that the authorities are trying to do away with the Sisters by making their lives so wretched that they will be forced to resign, and so forfeit their pensions before they have earned them. The new rules certainly give a very strong colour to this opinion.

Nurses outside the Service are not likely to see the *Naval and Military Record*, so if you will be good enough to find room in your popular Journal for this letter it will be much more generally useful to the Nursing Service.

Yours,

FAIR PLAY.

Comments and Replies.

Certificated Nurse.—Write to the Secretary, Colonial Nursing Association, Imperial Institute, S.W.

Notices.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE STATE REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

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.

OUR PUZZLE COMPETITION.

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

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