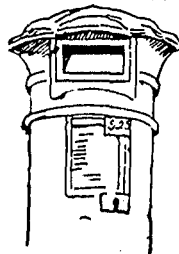


## Letters to the Editor.



*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.*

### OFFERS OF HELP WANTED.

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

DEAR MADAM,—May I ask through your columns for help from trained nurses who will be willing to give their services for work among the immigrant hop pickers in return for board and lodging and travelling expenses to and from London. Hop picking will be late this year, commencing probably about the second week in September, and its duration from a fortnight to three weeks. Time will be saved by communicating with Miss Harvey, at 12, Jarrell Mansions, Queen's Club Gardens, West Kensington. We shall also be grateful for help from ladies who do not mind rough work with coffee stalls, clubs, etc., etc. Thanking you for your kind help,

I am,  
Faithfully yours,  
FRANCIS G. OLIPHANT.

Teston Rectory, Maidstone.

### TRAINING IN MENTAL NURSING.

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

DEAR MADAM,—The appeal at the International Congress of Nurses, made in the various papers presented, for a greater interest in the nursing of the insane must have come with force to many nurses, and I hope the result of that Session will be a deeper appreciation on the part of both general and asylum trained nurses, of the work of each.

We general trained nurses say, and rightly, that nurses who care for the insane should have general training because conditions requiring nursing skill, only so acquired, arise in connection with the nursing of the insane. We fail to appreciate, however, that patients to whom we are sent require in us more often that we realise the skill acquired in hospitals for the insane, and that, as Mrs. Hampton Robb very aptly put it, "a finer, better care of the general patient would result from each general nurse having had experience in the care of the insane." There are many patients who are neither certified nor certifiable, who nevertheless have a family history of insanity, whose unrecognised mental condition, which is put down as impossible, or had tempered, really needs treatment, not reproach. Our three years in hospital, planned to meet the requirements of the hospital authorities, not to give us the best all-round training, leaves many gaps in experience.

I am, dear Madam,  
Yours faithfully,  
THREE YEARS' CERTIFICATE.

### A CONVALESCENT HOME FOR NURSES.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I have just returned from a most delightful week-end spent at "The Archer House Convalescent Home for Nurses" at Ramsgate, the opening of which was inaugurated on Saturday last. The Home has been generously bestowed on the nursing world by a Committee under the presidency of General Sir Coleridge Grove, K.C.B. The aim and object of the Home is to enable nurses to have a fortnight's rest when run down, or convalescing from illness.

Every comfort that the forethought of the Committee could devise is to be found in this Home. There is a large drawing-room with a grand piano, games of all kinds, and arrangements for theatricals and tableaux vivants; in fact, pleasure and comfort in every shape is found there.

The spacious grounds provide for lawn tennis, croquet, and bowls, and the home is full of delicious and seductive lounge-chairs. Besides this there is a reading-room for those of a literary turn of mind well supplied with daily papers, magazines, and periodicals.

The bedrooms are fascinatingly furnished, and heated throughout with radiators (each under the control of its occupant).

The only slight expenses of a fortnight's stay are the railway fare and personal laundry, and it is to be hoped that the eight London Hospitals which have been invited to make use of it will keep the Home full of guests.

All particulars can be obtained from C. M. Wilkins, Esq., Secretary, 30, Coleman Street, E.C.

Yours truly,  
A. PIKE,  
Assistant Matron, Charing Cross Hospital.

### THE EXTINCTION OF YELLOW FEVER AT RIO.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I was very interested to read in last week's Journal the account of the extinction of yellow fever at Rio de Janeiro. I have lived in a tropical country, and know the clouds of mosquitoes which come out every evening. It really seems almost impossible that they should have been got rid of. Yet, so long as there are infected mosquitoes, so long must yellow fever occur. It is, indeed, one of the striking victories of science that it has triumphed over this impalpable cloud.

Yours faithfully,  
ANTI-MOSQUITO.

## Comments and Replies.

*J. C. B., New York.*—The Seamen's Hospital, Greenwich, London, S.E., employs two male nurses, and many of the poor law infirmaries do so also. We are informed that many of the provincial hospitals will employ a man who has had mental training previously, as his experience in this branch is useful. The National Hospital, Queen Square, Bloomsbury, London, W.C., which is a hospital for paralysis and epilepsy, take 12 male probationers.

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