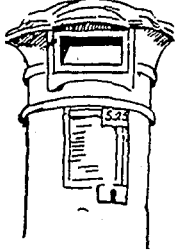


Letters to the Editor.



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.

MORALITY IN RELATION TO HEALTH.

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

DEAR MADAM,—Very many thanks for the copy of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, which has been forwarded to me, containing an account of the International Congress of Nurses. The Conference on "Morality in Relation to Health" was absolutely perfect in the line taken and the whole tone of the addresses. Could you give me the postal addresses of the Hon. Albinia Brodrick and Miss Dock, as I should much like to thank them for their help in the work to which I have devoted my time and thoughts? Would it be possible to have their Addresses printed as special pamphlets?

Believe me,

Yours faithfully,

THOMAS GEO. CREE,

Hon. Sec., Church Penitentiary Association.

Church House, S.W.

[We have forwarded the addresses required. We hope to publish the two papers in pamphlet form at an early date.—ED.]

THE SPIRIT OF GIVE AND TAKE.

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

DEAR MADAM,—Duty no doubt prevented hundreds of district and private nurses from attending the Nurses' Congress in July. May I, however, be permitted to thank you for the most delightful reports of the papers and discussions which have appeared in our Journal for the past two months? I have read every word of them, and should like to express my admiration for the true nursing spirit by which the whole gathering was evidently inspired. It seems marvellous how our profession has progressed in the last ten years all over the world, and nothing can be more helpful to us, and those we work for, than to come together from time to time, so that we may "give and take." May it be my happy fortune to go to Cologne.

I am, dear Madam,

Yours truly,

LUCY C. APPLETON,

Private Nurse.

STILL THEY COME.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I think it is well-known to most of us, that the reason there are no trained nurses on our different liners is because they cannot get their fees or proper status!

All will agree with me that this does not justify

a steamship company in dressing its stewardesses in nurses' uniform.

I recently went to see some friends off on a liner, and there saw two stewardesses in washing frocks—blue—nurses' aprons, collars, and cuffs, also Sister Dora caps.

My brother, who was with me, looking at the women inside the uniform, said, "Surely these are not 'nurses'?"

I said, "No!" He thought it was most unfair.

I thought more than that, when a little later I saw one of them talking in a familiar, joking way with one of the seamen at the gangway.

Then a friend said she had seen in one of the daily papers—she could not remember which—that the Elder Dempster Line sent their stewardesses to the Southern Hospital, Liverpool, for two months' training.

The Secretary of the Hospital said this was true; but that they did not call them "nurses." This would not prevent these women calling themselves "trained nurses," and I suppose they would feel entitled to wear outdoor as well as indoor uniform:

All this shows how greatly we are disorganised.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

AGNES E. RIDER.

2, Milton Road, Southampton.

Comments and Replies.

M. N. Neve, Kashmir.—Many thanks for charming little book; it shall be reviewed.

Foreign Visitor.—You cannot do better than apply to Miss Wellwood at 5, Endsleigh Street, Gordon Square, W.C. It is close to the hospital you mention. The Home is primarily for private nurses, who find it very conveniently situated and their needs understood.

Cert., Liverpool Royal Infirmary.—We have no doubt that in time so important a training school will organise a league of its certificated nurses. Such organisations stimulate *esprit de corps*, and broaden the members' social outlook; in fact, they help nurses to keep on growing all the time. Am sending you a copy of the Report, just issued, of the Quinquennial Meeting of the International Council of Nurses. Glad you find this Journal so stimulating and instructive.

County Matron.—A Meeting of the Matrons' Council will be held in London next month. Make your suggestion to that body; it is excellent.

Notices.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

The Editor will at all times be pleased to consider articles of a suitable nature for insertion in this Journal—those on practical nursing are specially invited.

OUR PUZZLE COMPETITION.

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

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