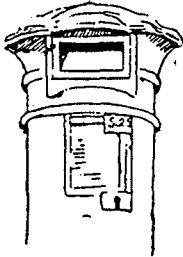


## Letters to the Editor.



*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.*

**BRITISH NURSES THANK H.M. QUEEN DOWAGER SOPHIA OF SWEDEN, FOR HER INTEREST IN NURSING ORGANISATION.**

*To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."*  
The Secretary, of the National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland.

DEAR MADAM,—I have had the honour of receiving your letter of the 1st of July, and I have the pleasure of telling you that H.M. Queen Dowager Sophia has been acquainted with its contents.

I am, Madam,

Yours sincerely,

ESTRID RÖDHE, Secretary.

Svensk Sjuksköterske-Tidning,  
Stockholm.

### OUR GUINEA PRIZE.

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

DEAR MADAM,—Thank you for forwarding to me THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, announcing my success in last month's competition, and also for the £1 ls. prize.

It was a very pleasant surprise to me.

Believe me,

Yours truly,

F. ROBINSON.

Nurses' Home, Allerton Road, Wootton,  
Liverpool.

### WHO CHECKS THE LINEN?

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

DEAR MADAM,—Many nurses like myself must have been astonished to observe the admission of the Secretary of the Great Northern Central Hospital at a Police Court, in a case of alleged theft, that they "always expected to lose some sheets, and the average loss was from 50 to 60 a year." The number of beds in the hospital is, I understand, 167, so that would be an average loss of about one sheet to every three beds annually. But at the last stock-taking—Mr. Kerr did not apparently mention in his evidence how often the hospital takes stock of its linen—the loss was no less than 298 sheets. Surely it should be possible to discover so large a shortage before the yearly or half-yearly stock-taking. Who checks the soiled linen when it goes to the wash, and the clean linen when it is returned? If this were systematically done the loss of single sheets must be detected weekly, and stock-taking day would not then reveal a deficit of practically 300 sheets, resulting in a financial loss to the hospital of at least £90. This is calculating the sheets at 12s. a pair, a very

moderate sum for sheets which have to stand the heavy wear and tear of hospital work.

In one hospital with which I am acquainted it used to be the rule to allow the Ward Sister a certain sum on each bed for breakages, depreciation, and loss of linen, and she had to keep up the stock. Anything in excess of this amount she paid, anything short of it she was entitled to keep. It made the Sisters very "nippy," and it is wonderful how few breakages occurred, and how exact the linen was under this plan.

I am, Dear Madam,

Yours faithfully,

HOME SISTER.

### NATIONAL FOOD REFORM ASSOCIATION.

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

DEAR MADAM,—Will you kindly allow me to inform your readers that the National Food Reform Association has now opened offices at 178, St. Stephen's House, Westminster, S.W., overlooking the Houses of Parliament? May I also mention that we have just published a penny booklet entitled "Economical Dishes for Workers," which will be found most useful by district visitors, temperance, and other social workers. It contains a number of simple recipes which have been tested, and have proved both popular and economical. A specimen copy, with full particulars regarding the Association, may be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to the Secretary at the above address.

Yours, etc.,

NEVILLE S. LYTON, Chairman.

## 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.

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 xi. of last week. 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.

### 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.

Such communications must be duly authenticated with name and address, and should be addressed to the Editor, 20, Upper Wimpole 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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