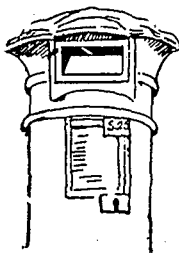


Letters to the Editor.



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.

A CANKER AT THE ROOT.

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

DEAR MADAM,—The gratitude of all who have the welfare of the nation at heart is due to you for the article, "A Canker at the Root," in your November 5th number. In less than a fortnight I received applications for help in the following cases—two maternity cases of 13 years old, two lock cases of 10½ and 12 years, and two children under 14 who had been criminally assaulted. These children, with their knowledge of evil, are "educated" with children from clean and respectable homes. Can we wonder if the evil is spread? The children are innocent of the sinfulness of immorality; no one tells them of this, through a false idea of modesty, but the children will talk of such things amongst themselves, and try to, and to, practise evil.

I have received letters from all parts of the Kingdom from Rescue Workers, giving cases known to them, with ages and other details. The number of cases reported from one town of children who had been assaulted under 16 years of age during three years was 76. From another town the Rescue Worker reported that children would even "solicit." The evil is widespread. We are trying to start special homes for these little ones, but receive little support or help because people refuse to believe what we know to be facts. May your article help us in this campaign—it ought to. Thanking you sincerely,

Believe me,

Yours faithfully,

THOMAS GEO. CREE,

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Westminster, S.W.

A HISTORY OF NURSING.

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

DEAR MADAM,—Our attention has been called to the letter from A. P. Payne in your issue of October 29th, complaining that Miss Dock's "History of Nursing," published by ourselves, has not been properly presented to Australian readers. We are obliged to you for your friendly and sensible comment.

Your correspondent mentions that a copy of the book was sent "to the Editor of the Australasian Nurses' Journal, which is the official organ of the Australasian Trained Nurses' Association, where it was favourably reviewed." We consider that such a review constitutes a satisfactory guarantee, so that it should not be necessary for

further specimen copies of this somewhat expensive book to be sent from London for the examination of the Australasian Nursing Schools.

As a matter of fact, we have filled a fair number of orders in Australia, so that the book cannot, as your correspondent supposes, be entirely unknown there.

We have, as you know, a number of nursing books on our list, by Miss Dock and other authoritative writers. Many of these are issued at popular prices. They are all described in a little circular which we are distributing in large quantities all over the English-speaking world. We are very glad to say that both we and our enterprising Australian representative are encouraged to believe that the profession in Australia is taking a keener interest in these subjects, and we are hopeful that in a short time such a letter as A. P. Payne's will no longer be possible.

Yours very truly,

G. P. PUTNAM'S SONS.

24, Bedford Street, W.C.

ORGANISED GAMES FOR NURSES.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I am sorry to see the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING advocating organised games for nurses. In my opinion nowadays it is no work and all play. A little more sense of duty and less self-indulgence are badly needed in hospitals.

A NINETEENTH CENTURY MATRON.

[All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy, and has just the same effect upon Jill.—Ed.]

Comments and Replies.

Certificated Provincial Nurse.—Can you not bring your desire, and that of your colleagues, before the Matron of your training school and ask her to take the initial steps in forming a League of its certificated nurses?

NOTICE.

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The Registered Nurses' Society.

The School Nurses' League.

The International Council of Nurses.

The National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland.

The Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland.

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 PRIZE.

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

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