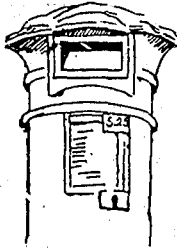


Letters to the Editor.



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.

THE MATRONS' COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I should be greatly obliged if you would allow me, through the medium of your valuable paper, to appeal to the members of the Matrons' Council to be kind enough to send me the names of any ladies, with whom they are acquainted, who are eligible for membership, and desire to join us, but have not received the necessary papers.

I am most anxious that all who are interested in our aims and objects should have an opportunity of studying our bye-laws, and of joining us if they feel so inclined, but it would be much easier for me to carry out my good intentions if other members would kindly supply me with the information I mention above.

I remain, dear Madam,

Yours faithfully,

M. MOLLETT, Hon. Sec.

Royal South Hants Hospital,
Southampton.

NO SUPERINTENDENT IN FUTURE.

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

DEAR MADAM,—The Sutherland Benefit Nursing Association, under the Presidentship of the Duchess of Sutherland, has again come into somewhat enviable prominence.

The Superintendent of Nurses, Miss Bremner, has been dismissed, and this, so far as is known, without any good or sufficient reason.

It will be remembered that in 1904, when the then Superintendent of Nurses resigned, several of the oldest and leading members of the Committee resigned office as a protest against autocratic rule.

It is the old story. The poor have to suffer from much so-called philanthropy. The work of midwives and maternity nurses in desolate and scattered districts, far from medical and neighbourly assistance, is of great value, but once an institution gets a name for injustice and changefulness its usefulness and influence is woefully lessened.

In the interests of justice it is hoped that full publicity will be given to the action of the Association in the dismissal of Miss Bremner, who has worked with so much zeal and energy in the interests of the Association.

Yours truly,

FAIRPLAY.

[As we reported last week, although the nursing staff is not thoroughly trained, the Committee have decided to abolish the office of Superintendent to save expense.—Ed.]

NURSES' REGISTRATION BILL.

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

DEAR MADAM,—Nurses are indebted to you for again pointing out that the question of State Registration of Nurses is "primarily" a nurses' question. This aspect of the question has, unfortunately, not yet been fully realised in some quarters on this side the Border.

In a letter in your columns of the 19th ult., Dr. Campbell Munro practically condemns his own argument that a separate register is essential to the welfare of the fever nurse. After advocating "a place on the Register of Fever Nurses carrying with it a statutory certificate given after a training and examinations prescribed by a statutory body," Dr. Munro advocates reciprocal training—a training which would place the fever nurse in a position to qualify for the General Register.

For the general hospital nurse, he advocates a training on a similar plan, and would have her qualify for a place on the Fever Nurses' Register.

But Dr. Munro does not explain (perhaps it is not easy to explain) why in such circumstances both a general and a fever register are necessary!

Under the Bill before Parliament the way is left clear and open to the establishment of a full or reciprocal training. The Fever Nurses' Association supports the Bill, and, as you say, many Scottish nurses support it, seeing clearly the end in view.

Yours faithfully,

E. A. STEVENSON,

Vice-President, Scottish Nurses' Association.

Comments and Replies.

Cottage Hospital Matron.—It is advisable to have all bottles for lotions, linaments, pots for ointments, etc., an entirely different shape from those used for medicines which are taken by mouth. A good plan is to have the former made triangular in shape, the danger of mistaking one for the other is thus reduced to a minimum.

NOTICE.

The BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING is the official organ of the following important Nursing societies:—

The International Council of Nurses.

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

The Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland.

The Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses.

The Registered Nurses' Society.

The School Nurses' League.

Notice.

OUR PUZZLE PRIZE.

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

[previous page](#)

[next page](#)