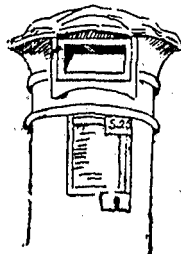


Letters to the Editor.



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.

OUR WEEKLY PRIZE.

To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."
 DEAR EDITOR,—I was very pleased and most surprised to see the result of last week's competition in the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, and desire to thank you for the cheque (5s.), which came this morning.

Yours truly,

E. H. GIBERT.

General Hospital, Birmingham.

[This letter was unavoidably held over last week.—Ed.]

THE NURSING MASQUE.

To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."
 MADAM,—I feel I must thank you for printing so much of the Nursing Masque for us who could not see it. I think it must have been beautiful—like the chapel of good women at Liverpool Cathedral come to life. I hope it will be repeated more than once. I should like all committees to see it—especially my late one.

Again thanking you for all you do for nursing,
 Yours faithfully,

E. E. PLEASE.

Dorking, Surrey.

SWEDISH MASSAGE.

To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."
 DEAR MADAM,—I am not a nurse, but I have been much interested in the perusal of various numbers of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, and especially in the report of a paper read at the International Congress of Nurses in London, July, 1909, on "Massage and Mechanical Therapeutics, as practised in Sweden." The author of the paper was, I believe, a Stockholm doctor.

I should be extremely grateful if you could give me the address either of that gentleman or of any person or institution in Stockholm qualified to give me information as to where, and at what cost, such treatment could be obtained in that city.

I am, dear Madam,

Yours truly,

AN INQUIRER.

1, Clarefoot, Moffat, N.B.

[We should advise our correspondent to communicate with Miss Estrid Rodhe, Editor of the Swedish Nurses' Journal, Tunnelgatan 25, Stockholm, Sweden.—Ed.]

THE L.C.C. AND SLAUGHTER-HOUSES.

To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."
 MADAM,—Why do not social reformers bestir themselves to induce the L.C.C. and other local

authorities to take action in regard to the numerous dens of private butchery which exist in the Metropolis, a considerable proportion of them being antiquated, insanitary, and inhumane, and a cause of demoralisation, physical and moral, in thickly populated districts? The careless and cruel manner in which our slaughter-houses are conducted led the Admiralty Committee on "Humane Slaughtering" to make some drastic recommendations for the humanising of the present system—or rather want of system. Slaughtermen are made up of all kinds of people who have no proper training, and the appliances which they use are inefficient and out of date—a perfectly disgraceful condition of things. There is indeed urgent and widespread need that municipal slaughter-houses, under a proper system of veterinary inspection and medical supervision, should be established in London; yet, owing to the unaccountable apathy of the general public, the realisation of a rational method of slaughter is apparently no nearer coming to pass than it was twenty-five years ago, when the late Sir B. W. Richardson first urged its adoption. We still remain the only civilised people in Europe without a proper abattoir system. Is it not time that a public sentiment existed vigorous enough and insistent enough to demand that the slaughtering of all animals used for human consumption shall take place only in thoroughly efficient abattoirs in the quickest and least painful way.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

JOSEPH COLLINSON.

Animals' Friend Society

Comments and Replies.

Miss M. A. Hawick.—Pleased to get your letter and that you appreciate the professional tone of this journal. Building in the United States is on a very magnificent scale, and the new hospitals now correspond with State and Municipal buildings. Washington promises to be the most splendid modern capital in the world. Looking down upon it by moonlight from a balcony of the Garfield Memorial Hospital it presents a dream of beauty calculated to banish sleep.

Enquirer, New Zealand.—We consider that your training would qualify you for registration in this country, during the period of grace provided for, whenever a Nurses' Registration Act comes into force.

Notice.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS FOR MARCH.

A Prize of 5s. will be awarded to the writer of the best answer to the questions:—

March 11th.—What danger attends nasal douching?

March 18th.—What is dust? How should it be removed?

March 25th.—What is the function of the placenta?

The replies must range from 300 to 500 words. See advertisement on page xii.

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