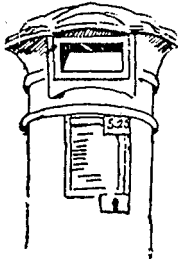


Letters to the Editor.



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 GUINEA PRIZE.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I beg to acknowledge a cheque for one guinea for Puzzle Prize, with my sincere thanks, also a copy of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, which I was pleased to have to send on to friends, as I always take the paper every week, and had already obtained a copy. It was a great surprise to me to find myself the winner, as I have often solved the puzzles correctly, and have much enjoyed the amusement of them. I think it is most kind of you to have been so generous to your readers.

Wishing you every success in the future,

Yours faithfully,

EMILY MARSHALL.

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PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUBS.

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

DEAR MADAM,—Your remarks in this week's "Journal of Nursing" on the refusal of professional women's clubs to recognise trained nurses as qualified for admission have interested me, since a case in point has recently come to my knowledge.

Women desire to be considered as logical, but where is the logic of a woman's club committee which refuses to recognise that properly trained nurses have received a thoroughly professional education, and practise a profession especially suitable for women, to the great advantage of the community?

Enquiry as to social status is no doubt necessary, because no social standard is enforced in the ranks of nurses. But this is equally true of photographers, educationalists, and workers in the public service, who are unregistered and unorganised, but who are formally stated to be eligible as members of such clubs.

Given suitable social position, why should not training in nursing be regarded as a qualification?

I am proud of my profession, and resent any slight being cast upon it by women who profess to be broad-minded.

I am, dear Madam,

Yours faithfully,

A MEMBER OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE STATE
REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

NURSING IN INDIA.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I have just read the "Foreign Letter" in your issue of the 31st December, entitled

"A Very Superficial Glance at Nursing in India," by "Anonymous."

I feel sure she is mistaken when she says that she believes before the origin of the "Lady Minto-Indian Nursing Association," with the exception of two small nursing homes, Calcutta, Bombay, and Madras were the only places from which a trained nurse worthy of the prefix could be obtained. What of Burma? The Rangoon General Hospital, staffed by a European-trained Matron, and Sisters, and European and Eurasian nurses trained by them have been training nurses for the last twelve or thirteen years. What of them? If highly skilled nurses here can turn the raw probationer into the finished article why cannot they do that abroad? The same can be said of the Eurasian girl as of her European sister. All girls here are not suitable for nurses. There, birth, breeding, and home influence count just as much as they do here, and colour and race have nothing to do with it. If the nurses are drawn from the same class as the general ward patients more often than not nurses and patients are on an intimate footing, and nobody can wonder at it. What is done in the hospitals in India I do not know, but if a hospital professes to train nurses surely the nurses can be trusted to sponge patients without the doctor offering to remain to see it done? As far as the Rangoon General Hospital in Burma is concerned such a thing as "the medical officer offering to remain to see the sponging done" would be undreamt of. Certainly, eight years ago, it used to be the duty of the hospital assistants to give the hypodermic injections (it may be different now), but I am sure it was not because the staff nurses were not capable of doing it.

I am, dear Madam,

Yours faithfully,

"SAYAH MAH."

Comments and Replies.

Hospital Nurse.—Apply to the Secretary, Colonial Nursing Association, Imperial Institute, London, S.W. The certificate of the Central Midwives' Board, in addition to a certificate of three years' general training, is necessary in almost every instance. The same applies to most vacancies for nursing appointments abroad.

Notice.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITION.

Rules for competing for our prize competition will be found on page xii.

The remaining competitions for January are:—
January 14th.—"How to Succeed as a Private Nurse."

January 21st.—"Describe the Happiest Hour of your Life."

January 28th.—"Describe a Baby's Cries and what they Indicate."

In each case the answer of the competitor should be from 300 to 500 words in length.

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