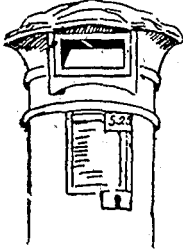


Letters to the Editor.



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 PRIZE COMPETITION.

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

DEAR EDITOR,—Many thanks for the 5s. prize safely received for "The Happiest Hour" Competition. I was pleased to be the lucky winner. The "B.J.N." is a great joy to me every week. I do hope the Nursing Pageant will be a big success.

Yours truly,
E. TOMPKINS.

North Ormesby Hospital, Middlesbrough.

LONDON BIBLEWOMEN AND NURSES' MISSION
To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."

DEAR MADAM,—The future administration of the Mission has been engaging the attention of the Council for some time past, and in view of the changes which it has become necessary to make, new members have been added to the Council; these are, however, old friends of the Society who fully appreciate the ideals that have always been before us in our work.

The immediate cause of this strengthening of the Council is due to the approaching retirement of Miss Andrews in March, from the position of Honorary Superintendent, which she has held in succession to Mrs. Selfe Leonard for twelve years. Miss Andrews has suffered from the strain of the work for some time, and she now feels herself unable to carry single-handed the full burden of responsibility any longer.

We are glad, however, that after a period of rest Miss Andrews hopes to return to us as a member of the Council, so that we shall not lose the benefit of her invaluable experience and advice; and she has also kindly consented to represent the Mission in its relations with public bodies and other outside organisations.

As regards the future, the Council, following the advice of Miss Andrews, and with the entire concurrence of Mrs. Selfe Leonard, has decided that in view of the great increase in the scope of the Mission it is inadvisable to continue to place the whole responsibility for its organisation and development in the hands of any one person, and that a system of committees should be adopted, working under the direct control of the Council. A Ladies' Committee has therefore been formed, composed wholly of members of the Council, who will meet monthly; and two sub-committees for Biblewomen and Nurses have also been started. These will meet weekly and report to the Ladies' Committee. The Finance Committee, too, recruited from the gentlemen of the Council, will continue to meet monthly, as hitherto.

Both at the Central Office and among the many workers for the Mission the loss of Miss Andrews' constant presence and ever-ready help and advice will be greatly felt, but we look forward with confidence to the future developments of the work.

Yours faithfully,
NORTHAMPTON,
President.

London Biblewomen and Nurses' Mission,
25, Russell Square, W.C.

THE NEED FOR STATE REGISTRATION.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I think the case which you published last week of a woman who has been repeatedly convicted of theft and other offences, who has been removed from the Midwives' Roll, after receiving a sentence of three years' penal servitude, followed by two years' police supervision, and yet is still able to call herself a nurse, and obtain employment as such, should, one would think, arouse the public, if anything will, to the dangers to which they are subjected so long as there is no State Register of Trained Nurses. Further, is it right that the honourable profession of nursing should have no means of repudiating responsibility for the doings of this woman, and others also, when the Central Midwives' Board have considered her unworthy to be enrolled as a midwife. If she has proved herself unworthy of trust in one profession why should she be allowed to practise without let or hindrance in another. I hope that Parliament will not permit this unjust condition of things to continue. At present any woman removed from the Roll of the Central Midwives' Board has only to call herself a nurse, to continue her attendance on the sick and on lying-in women.

I am, Dear Madam,
Yours faithfully,
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Notices.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS FOR FEBRUARY

February 4th.—A Prize of 5s. will be awarded to the writer of the best answer to the question, "What is your favourite animal, and why?"

The following will be the subjects of the competitions during the remaining weeks of February. In each of these competitions the answer should be from 300 to 500 words in length.

February 11th.—"How would you nurse a case of enteric fever, what emergencies might occur, and how would you meet them?"

February 18th.—"How would you ventilate (a) a hospital ward, (b) the patient's room in a private house?"

February 25th.—"How would you alleviate the discomfort of a patient to whom fluids have been forbidden for a period after an abdominal operation?"

Rules for competing for our Prize Competition will be found on page xii.

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