

## 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 MADAM,—Many thanks for cheque, 5s., received for Prize Competition.

Once more entire credit to our training school, please.

Yours faithfully,  
St. George's Infirmary, E. AMY PHIPPS.

## THE MASK PRIZE.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I received the cheque for 10s. 6d. for Prize, which you so kindly awarded me. Thanking you for the same.

Yours truly,  
E. HUTCHINSON.

## THE KENNEL MAID MASQUERADER.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I enclose a picture from *The Daily Graphic*, of October 25th, which you may not have seen. It really seems to me a disgrace that a kennel maid, for I suppose that is what she is, should be allowed to wear the uniform of a trained nurse, and appear at a Crystal Palace Show in it, and be photographed like this. Is it impossible to protect the nurses' uniform, I wonder? I really think a protest might be made to the owner of the dog by the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses; though one knows the original of the photo is not the only culprit, as I believe there are institutions for sick animals where the attendants are dressed like nurses. The dog in this picture has not even the qualification of being sick!

Yours sincerely,  
HERMIONE BLACKWOOD.

Clandeboyne, Ireland.

[The picture alluded to by Lady Hermione Blackwood presents Mrs. C. F. C. Clarke's Mersham Claus, a sweet, white, fluffy little pet peeping out of his basket, with an attendant seated beside him described as his nurse. She appears in full nursing canonicals: chin strings and long flowing veil to bonnet—a most absurd costume for a kennel maid to adopt. This masquerading in trained nurses' uniform by all and sundry is becoming a very serious abuse, and needs strong discouragement upon the part of the public.—ED.]

## THE PATRIOTISM OF NURSES.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I think you will agree with me that nurses are very patriotic, and willing to risk anything to help our sick soldiers and sailors in time of war. I was sorry to read a letter in a daily paper abusing the women of England because the War Office has notified that there are

vacancies for staff nurses in Queen Alexandra's Military Nursing Service. It certainly would be a satisfactory condition of affairs if a long list of first-class candidates were always awaiting admission to the Service, but there are two reasons against: (1) That in time of peace promotion is necessarily very slow in the Military Nursing Service, and highly trained, well-educated nurses cannot afford to serve indefinitely with little chance of promotion, and also there is a sense of dissatisfaction that the supreme and best paid posts appear to be reserved for candidates from the hospital, whose representatives have undue power on the Nursing Committee. That one hospital should have four or five votes at its disposal in the management of a Government Service and others none is neither just nor fair, and that promotion not being by seniority may thus be considered unfair is one of the reasons why many well-trained and patriotic women do not choose to join the Service. I was promised promotion, but, after years of hard work, was constantly superseded by others with a two years' instead of a three years' certificate of training (I do not include experience), and left Q.A.I.M.N.S. with a just grievance. If State Registration of Trained Nurses were in force promotion would be more reliable.

A PATRIOTIC NURSE.

## REPLY TO CORRESPONDENT.

*F. P., Cologne Congress.*—In good time we shall be able to give you reliable information concerning all arrangements for the Cologne Congress. As this journal is the official organ of the National and International Councils of Nurses, all official notifications will appear in it. Each National Council of Nurses has its own professional journal, so that it is quite easy to organize our own Conferences successfully. As English nurses become more businesslike, they will realise the futility of being professionally exploited for the financial benefit of male publishing firms.

## NOTICES.

## TICKETS FOR THE ISLA STEWART ORATION.

Tickets (free) are now ready, and can be procured from the Office, 431, Oxford Street, London, W., by members of the societies affiliated to the National Council of Trained Nurses, and from Miss Cutler, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, E.C., by members of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses.

It is hoped that indoor uniform will be worn if not inconvenient, with badge and nose-gay.

## OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS FOR NOVEMBER.

*November 18th.*—What are the symptoms of abortion?

*November 25th.*—Mention some talents, and how she should use them, that a nurse must cultivate if she wishes to be successful as a Sister of Wards.

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