

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I most cordially approve of your suggestion that members of the Society for State Registration of Nurses should wear a badge. It would serve as an educational medium to the uninitiated, and draw very desirable attention to our needful reform in the same way that the Suffrage badges which we are proud to wear draw attention to the great Woman's Movement, of which this is part. I shall be pleased to send a donation for this purpose when a decision has been made.

Yours truly,
BEATRICE KENT.

10, Colosseum Terrace.

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DEAR MADAM,—The little brooch (badge) you suggest will, I am sure, be much appreciated by all members of the Society for State Registration. Please accept my best thanks for your kind thought of us.

Yours faithfully,
EMILY J. MARSHALL.

123, New Bond Street, W.

Nurse F. Sheppard (No. 256), of Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells, quite thinks a State Registration Badge would prove useful "to let people know we are fully trained, considering there are so many *bogus* people about, masquerading in our uniform."

Miss E. M. Dickson, Limpsfield, writes:—"If a badge is decided on I shall be pleased to buy and wear one."

Miss H. Heather, Minehead, writes:—"I think every member of the Registration Society should wear a badge."

Miss M. A. Roberts, Barnes, also approves the adoption of a badge.

PRIVATE NURSES AND THE INSURANCE BILL.

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DEAR MADAM,—The following letter has been forwarded by a Welsh nurse to the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

C. L.

To the Right Honble. David Lloyd George.

"DEAR SIR,—I am a native of Cardiganshire. For the past thirteen years I have been connected with one of the largest private Nursing Homes in Wales. I am writing to ask you in which way your Insurance Bill is likely to benefit the Private Nurses connected with that Institute. Hitherto, to my knowledge, they have when ill received the best medical advice procurable *free*, their salaries paid in full, together with board, lodging, nursing and medicine. If your Insurance Bill comes into law we cannot expect our matron to deal with us in the future as in the past. She could not possibly afford to pay a compulsory heavy Insurance and at the same time to treat us

liberally as hitherto. Where are we to go if we return from our cases ill? Will 7s. 6d. a week compensate us for what we lose? Our homes are all over Great Britain. No one would take us in for 7s. 6d. Are we to travel to our homes ill? or are we to ask the Union Infirmaries to take us in? I represent one of 60, all anxious to know the worst, and I ask you for an answer in the name of your country—Wales.

Faithfully yours,
WELSHWOMAN.

[Speaking with two nurses after the Albert Hall Meeting they pointed out that as members of a Private Nursing Institution, they would be doubly penalised, as their co-operative earnings paid for the upkeep of the Home, and they were not only called upon to pay their own tax, but that of the domestic staff as well! As we have said before, private nurses will be very hard hit by the Insurance Bill and we see nothing for it but a lowering of salaries for those attached to institutions, and an increase of percentage for those working on the co-operative principle, unless the whole profession increases its fees! And this we know the managers of private nursing businesses in connection with hospitals will not do, as their profits on their private nurses are enormous.—ED.]

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Messrs. W. & G. Foyle.—We have much pleasure in acknowledging your "Catalogue of Medical Books," and consider the lists of books on Nursing, Obstetrics, Materia Medica and Pharmacy, and Massage most useful to our readers, to whose attention we have much pleasure in commending them.

NOTICE.

Will our readers kindly note that we shall be pleased to receive information as to events of special importance in connection with societies, nursing institutions, and progressive movements of interest to this Journal, as well as copies of the last annual reports of such societies. We shall shortly be compiling our review of the year, and it sometimes causes disappointment when information which has not been sent to us is not included.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS FOR DECEMBER.

December 16th.—What precautions should be observed in nursing a case of enteric fever to prevent infection?

December 23rd.—What are the causes of Transverse Presentations? Name the modes of Natural Delivery?

December 30th.—Describe the Rôle of Insects in the production of Disease?

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