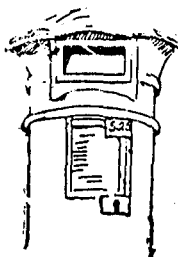


## Letters to the Editor.



*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,—Very many thanks for cheque received, value 5s., for Competition Prize.

Yours faithfully,

EMILY MARSHALL.

### PROFESSIONAL ETHICS.

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

DEAR MADAM,—Private nurses see professional matters with a more experienced eye than those of their colleagues who are cared for in hospitals, and I wish to support the letter headed "Professional Ethics" in the last issue of our journal. If those in high places would be a little more "nurse" and less officials they would not cut themselves adrift from our professional interests, and thus constitute themselves a permanent obstruction to our progress. As it is, the rank and file are left to do most of the fighting, and pay for the organisation of nursing. In no other country excepting in Holland, have the nurses found so many of those who should be their natural leaders banded against them. Nothing can be worse for professional discipline. I go about a good bit and I know.

Moreover, no loyal registrationist can associate herself with publications which oppose by every unscrupulous method our co-operation for nursing unity, without helping to cut the ground under our feet, and thus betraying our interests. We nurses are beginning to realise and resent this lack of firmness upon the part of some of those to profess to be with us. They cannot have it both ways. The lay nursing papers are the organs of the "antis," and those who support them and who take money from them cannot be considered the friends of the registration cause. This is putting it mildly. A false friend is far more dangerous than an open enemy.

Yours truly,

ANOTHER MEMBER, R.N.S.

### ANIMALS IN MINES.

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

MADAM,—I have read with interest Mr. Collinson's letter regarding the proposal to place the inspection of pit horses and ponies in the hands of the R.S.P.C.A.

Having been on the Committee of a somewhat important branch of the Society for six years, and being at the present time Hon. Secretary, I have some experience of the work expected of the In-

spectors; and may say it is quite impossible to add to it.

As it is, their districts are far too extended; and outlying places above ground are pretty well left to their own devices. No. If mine horses and ponies are to be properly inspected, Government must do it.

I see elsewhere a suggestion that the animals should be all brought up periodically for inspection. This would work well, no doubt, if they were all brought up, but evasion might occasionally take place, and those poor creatures most requiring it might be left below.

There should be surprise visits down below as well; and a really adequate staff of qualified inspectors to carry the business out in a thorough and honest way.

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## Comments and Replies.

*An Enquirer.*—You probably mean the Trained Maternity Nurses' Association, President, Mrs. Robinson; secretary, Mrs. Binnie; address, 33, Strand. The Association supports the movement for State Registration of Trained Nurses, but not of maternity nurses only. You would no doubt obtain all information on sending a stamped envelope to the above address.

*American Nurse, London.*—You will find all you require at Messrs. Garroulds', Edgware Road, W.

*Anxious to be a Nurse, Manchester.*—If your health is delicate we do not advise you to attempt to train in London. Try a hospital on the sea coast. Regular work often makes weaklings into healthy women.

## Notices.

### OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS FOR JULY.

*July 15th.*—What are some of the complications to be watched for during pregnancy, and their causes?

*July 22nd.*—From what source is blood renewed after hæmorrhage?

*July 29th.*—How would you prepare a patient for paracentesis? What instruments and utensils are needed?

### THE MATRONS' COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

Information respecting the Matrons' Council and forms of application for membership may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, Miss M. Mollett, Rose Cottage, Three Cross, Wimborne.

### STATE REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

Full information as to the movement for the State Registration of Trained Nurses can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, 431, Oxford Street, London, W.

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