

**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 COMPETITIONS.**

*To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.*

DEAR MADAM,—Very many thanks for 5s. cheque received as prize this morning.

Yours very sincerely,  
JESSIE M. STEVENS.

Claremont Crescent,  
Weston-super-Mare.

*To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.*

Miss Knipe thanks the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING for cheque (15s.) received this morning, as second prize for Real Life Incidents, and wishes the Journal every success.

Manor Gardens, Holloway, N.

*To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.*

Miss L. E. Jolley acknowledges with many thanks the sum of 10s. 6d., being prize for the Real Incident Competition.

Royal Southern Hospital,  
Liverpool.

*To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.*

DEAR MADAM,—Many thanks for cheque for 5s., on account of the Prize Competition.

Yours very truly,  
GLADYS TATHAM.

Sherwood,  
Roehampton Vale.

**ENCOURAGEMENT FROM INDIA.**

*To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.*

DEAR MADAM,—On Wednesday last I sent my yearly subscription to THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, and apologise for it being rather late this year. Again I wish to thank you most heartily for our admirable journal, and for the time and trouble you take to keep it up to date and abreast of the times, and shall, as I always do, try to get more subscribers to it.

Wishing you and our beloved journal the greatest success,

Believe me,  
Ever yours most gratefully,  
L. R. E. SMITH.

Simla.

[Such letters encourage us very greatly to plough the lonely furrow for Nursing Organisation by the State.—ED.]

**ALL OR NONE.**

*To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.*

DEAR MADAM,—I entirely agree with your correspondent "Certified Midwife" that the

public are entitled to know the names of the midwives who are removed from the Midwives' Roll at penal meetings of the Midwives Board.

It is, of course, conceivable that details of cases may be too bad to print, and that the chairman is wise to ask the press not to publish them, though there I am of opinion that the press in such a case may be trusted to exercise a wise discrimination, but the fact of the removal of a name from the Roll should, in my judgment, never be suppressed. If some names are published all should be.

We all know it is unpleasant for Associations when midwives on their staffs commit offences necessitating their removal, but those who govern such Associations should consider the public welfare, not simply their individual interests. If they did that then they would desire to see the Roll kept pure, and would not wish to hush up wrong-doing just because it affected their own Society.

Perhaps—who knows?—it might have the effect of stimulating committees of lay persons to rely more upon professional advice in the selection of candidates for training, and of midwives employed under their auspices.

I am, Dear madam,  
Yours faithfully,  
ANOTHER CERTIFIED MIDWIFE.

**REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.**

*Probationer, Derby.*—It is impossible for every probationer to receive instruction in massage during her three years' training; but it is always desirable to study this branch subsequently if opportunity offers. In Sweden, in the good training schools, the course extends over two years, and very thorough instruction is given in anatomy. In this country we are satisfied with a three months' course, but it is most desirable that it should be extended.

*District Nurse.*—The aim of both modern medicine and surgery is the prevention as well as the cure of disease. The district nurse has unrivalled opportunities of helping this great work.

*Miss M. T. (London).*—We shall not publish any letters condemning the action of suffragists from those who do not realise the degradation of sex domination. Your disloyal letter is no doubt eminently suitable for publication in the anti-suffrage, anti-registration, quack nursing press. We consider it an insult that it should have been addressed to a journal under our editorship. We have burnt it.

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