

## 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.*

## AN INEFFECTIVE DETERRENT.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—We have been asked by the Secretary of the London Hospital to forward you the enclosed report on a case which was tried recently at Eye, and he very much wishes that publicity should be given to this case with a view of deterring others from forging or tampering with Certificates of Training of Nurses, and if you can call attention to it in your news columns we shall be greatly obliged.

We are, yours faithfully,

CHARLES BARKER & SONS.

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[We reported this case in our last issue, and then expressed the view that in opposing for nearly a quarter of a century the demand of trained nurses for the organisation of their profession under the authority of the State, including the publication of a State Register of Trained Nurses, the authorities of the London Hospital have forfeited public sympathy, as the great deterrent of such fraud would be the knowledge that reference could be made to the Nurses' Register, and the fraud in consequence exposed; for it is certain that, though registration would not be compulsory, the effect of the Act would be the same as that of the Medical Acts, viz., that practically every one possessing the necessary qualifications will enter for the State Examination and become enrolled upon the State Register.—ED.]

## INEQUALITY BEFORE THE LAW.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I enclose a form with some signatures for the release of Ellen Pitfield. I do think it a cruel sentence, and I sincerely trust that your effort in her behalf will be successful. I don't in the least approve of the wrong and stupid offence she committed, but perhaps her mind was not quite normal at the time. A man assaulted a little girl at Tonbridge. She is a child I visit, looks seven, but is nine. He took her into the Castle grounds and there committed the deed and nearly frightened her to death. At Maidstone Sessions last week he was sent to gaol for two months in the Second Division, because there was a question of his mental condition. One is struck by the difference in sentences meted out for men and women.

Yours sincerely,

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Tovil, Maidstone.

[Read the history of 'poor Little Cuckoo Flower,' begun in another column.—ED.]

## DISGRACEFUL SENTENCES.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I should have been able to obtain more signatures, but thought it needless, as Nurse Pitfield was released yesterday. I trust that the medical profession and nurses will also protest against the disgraceful sentences and forced feeding of other suffragists now in prison.

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(Member of Church League  
for Woman's Suffrage.)

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[We regret that through pressure on our space a number of letters, as well as some of our usual departments, are unavoidably omitted.—ED.]

## OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS FOR MAY.

May 4th.—What causes vomiting in early pregnancy, and what nursing care may be given to relieve it?

May 11th.—Tell what you know of modern methods of treatment of Lateral Curvature of the Spine?

May 18th.—Give some hints how to be popular as a Private Nurse?

May 25th.—What meals should be served in hospital wards daily; how, so that they reach the patient in an appetising form?

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