

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

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## THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL.

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

DEAR MADAM,—The letter from Miss Jane Bell, referred to in your last issue, referring to the fact that no nurses can be members of their Governing Body in Queensland until a considerable number of nurses have been registered, shows the foresight of our leaders in this country in providing for the appointment of a Provisional Council, upon which representatives of the different sections of nurses shall have seats until the nurses, who will eventually form the electorate, have been registered. It is highly necessary that the advice and special knowledge of nurses should be available during this most important period.

We have, therefore, once more to thank those who have drafted our Bill with such care. Once it obtains a place on the Statute Book, it will, I believe, prove itself to be the best which has yet been framed, as experience has from time to time shown many details in which it has been advisable to amend it, until now we have a broad and statesmanlike measure calculated to be of service both to the public and to nurses. This may be some small consolation to those who are weary with the weariness of hope long deferred.

I am, Dear Madam,

Yours faithfully,

AN ARDENT REGISTRATIONIST.

## WHITE CHILD SLAVES.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I think that nurses owe a debt of gratitude both to Sister Henriette Arendt for describing her work for the White Child Slaves, and to Miss L. Dock for bringing that work to our notice. I think it must come as a shock to many to know that such a horrible trade is possible, for the majority of people are ignorant of its very existence. The traffic in girls is horrible enough. The traffic in little children seems the lowest infamy to which it is possible to descend. I think nurses may be proud that a member of their profession should be willing to risk her life to probe the secrets of this infamous trade and that she should be devoting her energies as well as her substance to caring for the children she rescues. Others may well emulate her example in taking up this branch of social service, but the trade is one which pre-eminently should be put down with the greatest severity which the law can devise. Perhaps we might have some information

as to the International Society which has been formed to combat child slavery.

Yours faithfully,

MEMBER NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

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

DEAR MADAM,—Thanks for the copy of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING forwarded to me.

So far no hint has reached me of "White Child Slaves" in England. No child received into our Homes has been subjected to this awful treatment, but I will certainly keep a look out for any indications of such a vile traffic.

The ruining of children is, however, of wide extent, and our Homes for these little ones are full. We hope, however, to be able to raise sufficient funds to open at least two more before long.

Yours truly,

THOMAS GEO. CREE,

Hon. Sec. Church Penitentiary Assocn.

## REPLY TO CORRESPONDENT.

*Three Years' Certificate.*—The salaries of members of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service are good, and members retire with a pension, if they remain in the Service; but promotion is very slow, and a staff nurse cannot hope to be appointed Sister for a long time. You should, therefore, consider whether you are willing to remain a staff nurse for years before applying for admission to the Service.

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*September 21st.*—How would you care for a premature infant at the time of birth, and subsequently?

*September 28th.*—What records would you keep, and what points would you observe and report upon, as a routine practice, when nursing a case, either in a hospital ward or in a private house?

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