

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.

A BENEFICIAL REFORM.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR EDITOR,—I ought to have sent you the enclosed (a cheque for £2) some time ago, as a small donation for the cause of Nurses' Registration, but the time seems to go so quickly, and every week when I read THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING I have intended to do so. Please do not think because I am so far away that I have lost interest in Registration, I have not, and realise the necessity for it more and more as time goes on. I do sincerely hope we may win this great and beneficial reform before long.

Yours very sincerely,

ANNIE JACKSON (Matron).

Strangers' Hospital,
Rio de Janeiro.

[We are always greatly encouraged by such letters from the faithful supporters of Registration, coming to us as they do from all over the world.—ED.]

SUGGESTIONS INVITED.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I should like to know what Rhoda Metherell suggests the nurses who trained fifteen or eighteen years ago must do. In those days we only got two years' training, and I am quite sure with all our experience we are quite as good as those who get three now. I am now forty-three years of age, and what I consider just right for a private nurse, by then you learn to give and take.

I was at a case a short time ago, where the people can well afford to pay proper fees for a nurse; but a Middlesex nurse who has had three years' training, has gone for £1 1s. I think that is very wrong. I have taken in the JOURNAL for a long time, and I just wondered what we poor old things must do if doctors will not employ us just because we have not had three years in one place.

I am, yours truly,
"MIDLANDS."

WHAT IS A FEMALE SICK VISITOR?

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—The omission of the word "trained" from the Insurance Act is already producing the harvest which you foretold months ago. I cut the enclosed advertisement out of the *Daily Citizen* for Saturday last:—

WANTED, Female Sick Visitor for the Ashton-under-Lyne and Hyde and Hadfield branches of the Amalgamated Weavers' Approved Society.—Intending applicants can obtain a list of duties, etc., by applying not later than May 26th to Mr. Saul T. Goggins, Weavers' Office, Ashton-under-Lyne, or Mr. William Pope, Weavers' Office, Hyde.

You will notice it is for a "Female Sick Visitor," no qualifications are asked for, and application is to be made to two men! One can only hope that if there are any women upon the Ashton-under-Lyne Weavers' Approved Society that they will insist upon having as a Sick Visitor a fully-trained nurse, or how can they expect to get the full benefit either for the sick who are visited, or for the Society. It would be very interesting to know what the Female Sick Visitor's duties are to be.

I remain, yours truly,

MARY BURR.

Villa Valaisanne,

Rue du Quai 12, Montreux.

A. G., Bath.—The question is one you should decide for yourself. We cannot influence your decision.

Nurse James, London.—To make a swab for the clinical diagnosis of diphtheria wrap some cotton-wool round the end of a piece of iron wire, eight inches long, seeing that the wool projects half an inch beyond the end of the wire. Insert this in a test tube to the bottom and plug the open end tightly with cotton-wool, then put in a hot oven for half an hour.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS.

June 14th.—What is Gastritis? How is it usually treated?

June 21st.—What is a Rest Cure? Describe it.

June 28th.—What are the complications to be watched for during the puerperal period?

NOTICES.

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STATE REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

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