

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 INVALUABLE JOURNAL.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR EDITOR,—My empty purse prevented me attending the Nursing Conference in Dublin, much to my sorrow, but I thought of you all during the week. The next best thing to attending was reading the wonderful account of all your doings in our invaluable journal. Few can realise the fine organisation and detailed labour required to issue such a report within the week. I for one member of the N.C.T.N. thank you and Miss Brey most heartily for the inspiration contained in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING. I am so glad the Irish Nurses' vote was solid for State Registration.

Yours truly,
EMILY C. BARNES.

THE IRISH VOTE SOLID FOR REGISTRATION.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I am delighted to note in last week's issue that you have claimed for us that "we may take the Irish vote as solid for State Registration" at the Dublin Conference. The two Matrons who voted against have a perfect right to their opinion; but they came to Ireland from anti-registration schools in England (the London and St. Thomas' Hospitals) so we Irish nurses cannot agree that they represent Irish nursing opinion, and it is quite natural that we should object to be dictated to in forming our professional opinions by London Hospital Managers. This is one of the reasons why we should prefer the Dublin matronships filled by those trained in our own hospitals and schools of thought. I should like to offer thanks and congratulations to Mrs. Strong and other members of the Scottish Nurses' Association, who loyally supported the Irish vote on registration.

Yours sincerely,

A MEMBER OF THE IRISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

THE NURSING PAGEANT AND TABLEAUX.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—Surely one of the most elevating influences of the recent gathering of nurses in Dublin was the lessons of the Nursing Pageant in the Procession of Immortals at the opening reception, and the tableaux at the Abbey Theatre. To realise the splendid deeds of our progenitors should surely make every nurse feel her responsibility to hand on a noble nursing spirit to future generations of nurses. The high professional tone of the Conference, the able manner in which nurses took the chair, conducted the business,

and spoke at the Banquet must have convinced the medical men and others who were present that we are no longer a class which may be ignored, and treated as the public often treat nurses in Ireland as illiterate domestic workers. It is my opinion, and that of many of my colleagues, that evidence of so much ability amongst the members of the National Council of Trained Nurses, of which the Irish Nurses Association is an important part, will do great good in Ireland, not only showing the value of our work to the community, but our social qualities. I have heard from many sources, since our great gathering was over, that its influence will help our demand for legal status in no small degree.

Yours very truly,
AN IRISHWOMAN.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS.

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

July 5th.—What is Leprosy, and how may it be treated?

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

American Nurse, London.—Why do you not take the *American Journal of Nursing* monthly; it is an admirable publication, professional and highly ethical in tone. Subscription, 2 dols. a year. Published by J. B. Lippincott Co., 227, South Sixth Street, Philadelphia, U.S.A.

Sister, Ophthalmic Hospital.—We should advise you to apply to the Colonial Nursing Association, Imperial Institute, S.W. You will find all the information you require in "A History of Nursing," by Miss L. L. Dock, four volumes, price 2 guineas. Putnam's Sons, 24, Bedford Street, W.C., are the publishers. It will help you to realise how much your predecessors have done for your benefit by their courage and devotion to duty. The two first volumes have already been translated into German by Sister Agnes Karll, who will spend her next *holiday* translating the third volume.

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