

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.

HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING

DEAR EDITOR,—Congratulations with all my heart for the twenty years of the grandest work for the nursing profession carried throughout the world by THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING. We in Germany hope the revered Mother of all nursing journals may prosper more and more, and will soon be able to blow the trumpets of joy at the passing of the long-delayed Nurses' Registration Bill. In a fortnight the third volume of the "History of Nursing," translated into German will be in the printer's hands, and greatly have the reviews in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING helped me over many a weary hour of the work. The fourth volume will follow next year.

AGNES KARLL,

President, German Nurses' Association.
Zurich.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR EDITOR,—Heartiest congratulations on the twentieth birthday of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, under your editorship. It has now a very flourishing "child" in India, in *The Nursing Journal of India*.

Yours sincerely,

GRACE TINDALL,
President T.N.A. India.

THE PRIZE COMPETITIONS

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I have taken THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING for years and years, but should like to thank all those clever nurses who add so much to its usefulness by competing for the weekly Prizes. I am a Queen's Nurse, and value greatly all the practical information I have absorbed from the Prize Papers. I always re-read carefully my BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING on Sundays, and make little notes of everything that I think will be of use in the district, and every week there is something new. I cannot afford to take a medical paper, so also appreciate the sound practical papers of Dr Knyvett Gordon. It is marvellous what we get in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING for a penny, and its encouragement to nurses to think and maintain a self-respecting attitude of mind is by no means the least important of its lessons.

Yours truly,

A COUNTY QUEEN'S NURSE.

STATE REGISTRATION FOR POOR LAW NURSES.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—If it had not been for the report in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING we should have heard nothing in this Infirmary about the demand for State Registration of Nurses at the Yorkshire Poor Law Conference—as apparently this important piece of information does not interest the daily press in London, or is purposely excluded; and, of course, the anti-registration nurses' papers either exclude the fact that the resolution was passed altogether, or report it in small print in five lines! Thus is the Nursing Profession bamboozled. One wonders how trained nurses, who profess to be registrationists, can tolerate such treatment by lay editors. Anyway, I wish to thank you for associating with THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING thousands of Poor Law nurses in the expression of thanks to Dr. Holroyd Slater, for his support of our cause.

Yours truly,

A LONDON POOR LAW SISTER.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—Grateful as I am to Dr. Holroyd Slater, for his influential support in demanding State Registration for Poor Law Nurses, I should like at the same time to be able to express gratitude for leadership on this most important professional reform to the Infirmary Matrons' Association. Why are they silent? and why do they stand aside and permit Medical Superintendents to voice our professional needs? It is the matrons' duty to help the nurses, and I, for one, see very little use in any professional Associations which do not tackle the fundamental principle of demanding State Registration—so that they can organize effectively. I am informed that no Poor Law Matron or Nurse has a seat on the Executive Committee of the Central Committee for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, the reason being that Poor Law Nurses have no organization which supports State Registration. Courage is required here, in my opinion.

Yours truly,

H. HAWKINS,
Poor Law Guardian.

[Poor Law Matrons and Nurses are eligible for membership of the Society for State Registration of Nurses, and many have joined; but, of course, this is not so distinctive or effective as forming an association of their own for the purpose. Miss Barton is a delegate from the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland on the Central Committee for State Registration, and was specially included in the Deputation to the Prime Minister in April last, so that the interests of Poor Law Matrons and Nurses who are members of the Matrons' Council and State Registration Society should be represented. We quite agree with Miss Hawkins that Poor Law Nurses should

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