

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.

HEARTY THANKS TO BIRMINGHAM.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—The "good week" to which I had looked forward for months has passed, but the memory of it will remain for ever. It is only those who have the privilege of attending the N.C.T.N. Conferences who can understand the helpfulness of them, and the encouragement to continue working for progress. Many new notes were struck last week, to which we must now devote our energies. Birmingham—the city of progress, business and hospitality—was well chosen for this very successful meeting. I should like to express, through our JOURNAL my appreciation, and hearty congratulations to the General Hospital Birmingham Nurses' League and to all others who contributed so enthusiastically to the success of the meeting. Miss Musson's powers of organization are marvellous, and the welcome and hospitality we received wherever we went, is rarely met with anywhere. Hearty thanks to Birmingham.

Yours truly,
JULIA HURLSTON,
Sister in Charge.

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IMPRESSION OF THE BIRMINGHAM CONFERENCE.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—Every time that it is my privilege to attend a Nursing Congress, convened either by the National or International Council—and that privilege has been mine several times—I gain no new impressions, but old ones grow stronger and deeper, and my pleasure as a fortunate participant increases. *This* fact is borne in upon my mind with a deep and forceful insistence. Almost anything is possible to women if they will only work together and pull together in any great Cause—thinking only of the Cause as belonging to *each*, and belonging to *all*. In other words, solidarity and co-operation are great forces, and quite indispensable to progress. For this reason only, our recent Congress at Birmingham, which has just terminated, was such a splendid success. What can be more satisfying than *achievement*! The words of the poet are I think peculiarly applicable to our Congresses each time we hold one: It is "something attempted, something *done*." The italics, of course, are mine. Miss Musson has, indeed, merited our grateful thanks for her splendid management and organisation of the Birmingham Congress, with the aid—she would like me to add—of her able assistants.

The Exhibition, which is one of the best any-

where that I have seen, was admirable; and no doubt served the purpose, to many of the most observant spectators, as post graduate education. To be fair all round, we must not forget that our valued BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING which, as we know, is the official organ of the National Council, has played a very important part in the Exhibition, having made it so widely known. Indeed, to say that neither the Congress nor the Exhibition could have taken place without the aid of our professional mouthpiece, would scarcely be an exaggeration.

Yours, &c.,

London.

BEATRICE KENT.

THE RESCUE OF LITTLE WHITE SLAVES.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—Miss Kent's interesting article on Sister Henriette Arendt in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING for June 6th, has filled me with reverent admiration for this wonderful woman and her unique mission.

Few, few are able to follow those intrepid footsteps, but many may help on the good work by purchasing the books. Have they been translated and where can they be got, price, &c.?

May I thank you for the good and useful work you are doing in the cause of nursing and nurses. Would that the present apathy in the ranks were not so intense.

Faithfully yours,

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Prestwick, Ayrshire.

[We will invite Sister Arendt to answer the questions.—ED.]

OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS.

June 27th.—Name the principal points to be remembered when placing a patient on the operating table.

July 4th.—State articles required for an operation in a private house.

NOTICE.

We are asked to say that when the Matrons' Council met at Rochester, one of the members left a mauve sunshade at St. Bartholomew's Hospital. It can be obtained on application to the Matron.

THE BIRMINGHAM CONFERENCE REPORT.

A full and official account of the Birmingham Nursing Conference is appearing in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING. It should be ordered in time to prevent disappointment, either from local newsagents or from the Manager, B.J.N. Office, 431, Oxford Street, London, W. Price 1d., postage ½d.

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