

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

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## UNITY OF PURPOSE.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—The opening days of the Nursing Conference at Birmingham were ushered in by storms of rain and wind; skies overhead were dark and gloomy, but it takes more than bad weather to depress or daunt the members of the National Council of Trained Nurses.

Nurses carry their sunshine with them, and the Exhibition Hall re-echoed with cheerful greetings and happy laughter, and many were the congratulations exchanged over the progress achieved since last year's happy meeting in "Dublin's fair city."

Yes! Progress was the Watchword exchanged, and rightly so, for progress is "advancement in knowledge," and during the past year Nurses have awakened to a sense of their responsibilities, and realize as they have never done before the importance of Unity and co-operation! What does bad weather matter to an army marching on to victory?

Victory was the keynote of the Birmingham Conference, there was a sense, a feeling in the air that after a long and tedious warfare the wished for goal is in sight! State Registration for Nurses in the near future! The recognition of our profession, for the benefit and uplifting of Nurses, for the benefit and protection of the community.

The march towards evolution has been uphill all the way, but we are nearing the summit of the mountain, and we already have a foretaste of the fruits of success! We already taste the sweetness of unity of purpose, we understand comradeship and rivalry is now thrust aside, we rejoice together with professional pride at the prospect of working hand-in-hand in the near future as servants of the Empire!

That note, Unity of purpose, rang out through our Conference week, and must have thrilled and gladdened the hearts of our courageous leaders, those brave women who for the last twenty-five years have borne the burden and heat of the battle, in order that the present-day Nurse may enjoy the fruits of victory!

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## "THE RESCUE OF LITTLE WHITE SLAVES."

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—In reply to your correspondent, E. Hortin, in the latest issue of the JOURNAL, Sister Henriette Arendt wishes me to say that she is trying to make arrangements for the

translation of two of her books into English, the two that will be of most interest to our countrywomen, namely, "Little White Slaves" and "People Who Have Lost Their Way." These books should be widely known in the interests of humanity.

Yours sincerely,

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[We are informed that Miss Kent has now undertaken to translate "Little White Slaves," and will set to work upon it at once.—Ed.]

## HERE A STATE REGISTER WOULD BE OF USE.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—A client of ours is Executor under a Will dated in 1905, under which Will a Miss Emily Berkley, whose address is given in the Will as Lambeth Workhouse, Renfiew Road, S.E., is entitled to a legacy, Miss Berkley having apparently been a Nurse at the Lambeth Infirmary at that time. On making enquiry, however, we were informed that Miss Berkley left in 1906 to take up private nursing, and the Clerk to the Guardians is not aware of her present address. Enquiries have been made in various directions but so far without success, and it has occurred to us that she may possibly be a subscriber to your paper, in which case we should be much obliged if you could kindly inform us of her present address, which is merely required for the purpose above referred to.

Yours faithfully,

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[If any of our readers know Miss Berkley's present address, will they communicate with Messrs. Davidson & Co.?—Ed.]

## OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS.

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

July 11th.—What is the cause of tuberculosis? What organs and tissues may be attacked in this disease? Give a brief description of the treatment and management of any two forms of tuberculosis.

July 18th.—Define hæmorrhage, shock, coma, asphyxia, syncope.

July 25th.—How may the course of pregnancy be affected when the mother suffers from syphilis? What are the effects upon the child, supposing it is born alive, when the mother suffers from (a) syphilis or (b) gonorrhœa?

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