

## 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 PRIZE COMPETITIONS.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I beg to acknowledge receipt of cheque for 5s., received this morning. I am delighted. Please accept many thanks.

Yours faithfully,

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Tottenham.

## PERSUASIVE COERCION.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—The silliest arguments have, I know, been advanced to persuade nurses to sign against Registration. One that if we have a Central Examination we shall lose all our identity with our training schools, and the chance of promotion such prestige gives us, that in fact the monopoly of promotion may be shared with those trained in less well known schools. This is, of course, all nonsense.

I was dining with a friend from America a few weeks ago, and got talking, of course, about mutual friends over there, and in telling me of new Superintendents since I was over, all of them now add "R. N." to their names. I noted every time she said: "She was a Johns Hopkins woman," or "Bellevue was her school," or "She graduated from Massachusetts General," and so on. Registration is in force in about forty States in America, but the nursing school *esprit de corps* is sounder there than here, as all have their alumnae associations, to which the Nurses' Leagues in England correspond. Anyway, "Barts," "Thomas's," "Guy's," "London" will all remain revered of their nurse pupils, as they are by their medical students after Registration comes into force. As to promotion choice from a narrow ring is cramping in many ways.

ONE WHO HAS TRAVELLED.

## STAGE CRUELITIES TO ANIMALS.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

MADAM,—May I draw attention to the recent conviction for cruelty to a performing dog, given at the Tower Bridge Police Court, London, as it is the first of its kind and contains some important features? The sentence was not given mainly on account of any specially brutal bodily treatment as flogging, kicking, or using any spiked instrument, but on account of the mental suffering of the dog as shown in his obviously terrified and dejected condition.

Again, it is one of the few cases in which advantage has been taken by a magistrate of the provision of the Act of 1911, by which an animal

can be removed from the custody of an owner who has ill-treated him. If magistrates would adopt this course—which is the only fair one to the ill-used animal—more often, it would do more than anything else to make the owners more careful. They do not mind a small fine, and go and do the same again, but they do mind the loss of their "property," and if they have to invest in another animal they will be more careful to treat him well.

Yours faithfully,

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[We are always pleased to give space for ventilating questions calculated to help the animals. Poor dears! we give too little thought to their needs, and are not sufficiently grateful for the sacrifices we humans often exact from them.—ED.]

## REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

To several Correspondents.—The services concerned are (1) Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service, and Nursing Service Reserve, Medical Department of the Admiralty. There are still nurses to draw upon in the Reserve. (2) Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, and Nursing Service Reserve, Matron-in-Chief, War Office, Whitehall, S.W. Territorial Force Nursing Service, Matron-in-Chief T.F.N.S., War Office, 80, Pall Mall, S.W. We are informed that all nurses who are not already enrolled as members of one of the Military Nursing Services who offer their services at the present time are being referred to the British Red Cross Society, 9, Victoria Street, S.W.

## OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS.

August 15th.—Name three different channels of elimination by the body, and the functions of the organs connected with each.

August 22nd.—Describe the Hydro-Therapeutic treatment of high temperature in pneumonia.

August 29th.—State what you know about Pemphigus, and the midwife's duty in connection with it.

## NOTICE.

The Editor will be obliged if Miss Anne Simpson, who contributed a paper in the competition on the method of caring for rubber gloves, last September will communicate with her.

## NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

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