

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.

NOBLESSE OBLIGE.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I shall be obliged if you will insert the following correspondence in the next issue of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, as I am a delegate only and not an officer of the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses, a fact well known to Lord Knutsford.

I am,
Yours faithfully,
MARGARET BREAY.

The following letter has been sent by Lord Knutsford to more than one Matron, who has been weak enough to sign both the Petition for Registration and the Protest against it!

LONDON HÔSPITAL,
WHITECHAPEL, E.
3rd August, 1914.

To Miss ———,
DEAR MADAM,—

STATE REGISTRATION OF NURSES.

I have just seen the list of signatures in support of this Bill and find that your name is entered among them. I wonder if this has been done with your authority, as you quite recently signed the Protest against the Bill which was sent to you and the form is before me.

Would it not be best to write to Miss Breay at 431, Oxford Street, asking her to delete your signature?

Yours faithfully,
KNUTSFORD
(Chairman).

THE SOCIETY FOR THE STATE REGISTRATION
OF TRAINED NURSES,
431, OXFORD STREET,
LONDON, W.
August 10th, 1914.

MY LORD,—If any more Matrons at your suggestion, wish to remove their names from the Petition to the Prime Minister in favour of State Registration of Nurses, will you instruct them to communicate with the Hon. Secretaries of the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses, Dr. Goodall and Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, not with me, as I have no position, as you are fully aware, on the Central Committee beyond that of an ordinary member.

As in your letter to one of the signatories you assume that her name may have been appended to the Petition without her authority, a base insinuation which you know is false, I am sending your letter to the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING for publication, so that the nursing profession may

be on its guard against your unjustifiable methods in conducting the anti-registration campaign.

I am, My Lord,
Yours faithfully,
MARGARET BREAY.

To The Viscount Knutsford,
Chairman, London Hospital.

THE VERY BEST FOR OUR SOLDIERS.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—It is with horror that I read in to-day's *Daily Chronicle* that 100 factory girls are nursing the wounded soldiers at Yarmouth. Surely it cannot be allowed. I consider it a national disgrace if such is the case.

Surely out of the hundreds of people that have volunteered to nurse the wounded there could be found trained and certificated women to nurse those poor men. It is dreadful to imagine their being nursed by factory girls who can know absolutely nothing about nursing. The very least we can give the men that are fighting for us is the very best of skilled nursing.

Please forgive my troubling you, but I know you would feel the same about this matter.

Faithfully yours,
ANNIE MCCABE.

(The paragraph to which our correspondent refers states that the wounded will be landed at Yarmouth in a portion of the covered herring market, from whence they will be distributed to the hospitals, and that about 100 of the girls employed by a manufacturing firm have enlisted as nurses and hospital assistants.—ED.)

THE NATIONAL RELIEF.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—You will doubtless have seen in the press that relief to alleviate in some measure the distress that war must cause is being organised by the Local Government Board.

Steps are being taken to form central committees in the boroughs, the larger urban districts, and the counties, under the chairmanship of the mayors and chairmen of councils, which will consider the needs of the localities and control the distribution of such relief as may be required. These committees will include representatives of the municipal, educational, and poor law authorities, distress committees, trade unions, and philanthropic agencies.

We would urge on all our affiliated Associations and women generally that it is the duty of all citizens to give the utmost help in this time of need.

We shall be glad to hear what the Associations or individual members may find themselves able to do.

Yours faithfully,
ANNIE LEIGH BROWNE.
The Women's Local Government Society.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS.

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.

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