

## 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.*

## REGISTRATION IN THE UNITED STATES.

*Montana State Association of Graduate Nurses.*

DEAR MISS BREAY,—Your letter conveying the congratulations of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses to our State Association for the successful passage of our Registration Bill was read before the Convention of the Montana State Association of Graduate Nurses at Billings, Montana, June 18th, 19th and 20th, 1914, and was much appreciated. I wish to thank you in behalf of our State Association for your kind words and the fraternal spirit which prompted them.

No doubt, now all business and reform measures are laid aside while you all unite in caring for the wounded in this terrible war. I hope the assistance rendered by our own Red Cross nurses will add to the fraternal bonds that hold us in one great cause.

Sincerely yours,

IVA CLIFF BENSON.

Fromberg, Mont.

## THE ANOMALOUS POSITION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT NURSE.

*To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.*

DEAR MADAM,—I notice with regret, but without surprise, that you say there has been no response to the suggestion that a petition should be sent to the Local Government Board asking for an alteration in the present anomalous position of Superintendent Nurses. There are many Sisters and Nurses, to my knowledge, who would like to sign such a petition in this Infirmary alone. But what is the use? We should only be labelled dangerous, for the Local Government Board does not encourage free expression of opinion on the part of its employees, and we might miss promotion when our senior officers discuss and decide upon it. I for one cannot run this risk, as I have relatives dependent upon me. It is all I can do to make my small salary meet the calls upon it, and promotion, and with it a larger salary, would be more than welcome. So I cannot afford to join in any agitation, however necessary. Surely it is the duty of the L.G.B.'s own nurse-inspectors to make a report upon this subject.

Yours faithfully,

CHARGE NURSE.

## "KEEP ON SIGNING."

*To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.*

DEAR MADAM,—Many kind people, who have means to spare, yet who toil not neither do they spin, deplore their inability to help in these necessitous times. A clever woman I know, never

at the loss for an apt suggestion, writes to such friends on a postcard, "Keep on Signing." This is sound, practical advice. May I pass it on.

Yours, &c.,

"UP AND DOING."

## ANTE-NATAL TREATMENT.

*To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.*

DEAR MADAM,—I am very glad to observe that the question of ante-natal care of women with child is receiving an increasing amount of attention. As a midwife, with a practice in a very poor district it is pitiful to me to see how expectant mothers drudge on till the last possible moment, without any kind of health supervision.

Yours faithfully,

CERTIFIED MIDWIFE.

## REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

*Mrs. J. C. Bedford.*—We have the same complaint from three correspondents this week, i.e., that sick soldiers have been admitted to hospitals where there are no trained nurses in attendance, only Red Cross workers. We advise that the complaint should be placed before the Director General, Army Medical Department, War Office, Whitehall, W. We emphatically protest against such an arrangement.

*Miss T. F., Leeds.*—The practice of midwifery as a means of self-support is a very precarious occupation. Maternity nursing, when the nurse possesses a general as well as a maternity certificate affords a much better prospect.

## OUR PRIZE COMPETITION.

## QUESTIONS.

*November 7th.*—Say what you know about Typhus Fever, and how it should be nursed.

*November 14th.*—How should Cholera patients be nursed?

*November 21st.*—Mention the varieties of vomiting in young infants. What do they usually indicate?

*November 28th.*—How would you nurse a patient suffering from mental shock?

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