

TRAINED NURSES FOR ULSTER.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

MADAM,—We are in great need of more trained nurses to work in Ireland in case of trouble.

We are offering no payment, but will pay passages for those who cannot afford their own, and Ulster is offering board and lodging.

We particularly want nurses who can take charge of small hospitals and dressing stations.

Precautions are taken against a panic mobilisation, as many of our Volunteers would be giving up posts in order to go. We have no expenses at present beyond stationery and postages, as the office is lent and the staff is voluntary.

Large amounts of medical and surgical stores have been ordered provisionally to be delivered at twelve hours' notice if required.

KATHARINE FURSE.

Ulster Hospital Corps,
112, Beaufort Street,
Chelsea, S.W.

THE DUTY OF THE EXPECTANT MOTHER.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—May I ask you to reply to the following in your valuable paper?

If a pregnant woman indulges in excessive smoking, say from twenty-five cigarettes a day, is there any danger or complications attached to the child?

Yours faithfully,
(Nurse) S. A. Cross.

King's Lynn.

[If the smoking of twenty-five cigarettes a day injures the health of the pregnant woman—and such a number is excessive, especially if the smoke is inhaled—it would naturally be injurious to the foetus. It is the duty of the expectant mother to regulate her diet and habits on approved hygienic principles, and the absorption of nicotine poison should be studiously avoided.—ED.]

HORSES IN SUMMER AND THE MADDENING FLIES.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

MADAM,—Allow me to point out that horses turned out to graze will improve much faster in condition if they are brought into a slightly darkened stable for the *hottest hours of each day* and are turned out again at dusk.

Flies torment horses and colts, cause them excessive irritation, keep them continually on the move, and pull them down in condition.

But flies keep in the sunshine, and will not enter a stable with the door kept closed and the windows shaded with canvas.

The advantage is great, the expense trifling—one small feed at midday will suffice: corn, or scythe-cut grass; *not* lawn-mowings—and the trouble is only slight, as horses appreciate the freedom from their fly-tormentors, and will quickly learn to come up to the field-gates of their

own accord each morning when the sun becomes hot or the day proves thundery.

Yours, &c.,

W. C. J. NORRIS

(for the *Animals' Friend Society*).

Pulborough.

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Sister G.—Extended nursing education is so costly that we can do with all the money for endowment purposes that we can get. When our nursing schools are managed by persons who understand the rapid evolution of the technique of nursing, much more money will be specially devoted to this purpose. Greatly obliged to you and your friend for helping to collect for the Nurses' International Memorial to Miss Nightingale. Small sums and many of them will soon show a handsome total.

Sister S. T. (Birmingham).—We think your idea a very good one. The more co-operation the better; although, in our opinion, complete professional organisation is not possible until we stand firm on legal status—that is, until the Nurses' Registration Bill becomes law, and "antis" no longer exist. At present the nursing world in England (not in Scotland and Ireland, where, with few exceptions, matrons and nurses stand together in support of legislation) is divided, and any union which assumes to organise from a national standpoint must fail unless it stands for one policy or the other, because our generation is in a transition stage. We are the organisers of the profession of nursing, and in co-operation cannot ignore this fact by any amount of sophistry. Social functions no longer satisfy the aspirations of the co-operative spirit.

Nurse Mary.—The address is Archer House, Ramsgate.

Infirmiry Matron.—Why not place your views before the Executive Committee of the Central Committee for State Registration, 431, Oxford Street, London, W? It meets quarterly.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS.

August 1st.—Describe the nursing of a case of scarlet fever. What complications may occur, and how would you endeavour to guard against them?

August 8th.—Why are Flies dangerous to health? Describe how to prevent their multiplication, and how best to exterminate them?

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.

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