

## 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.*

## THE GIST OF THE WHOLE MATTER.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—Miss Wortabet's last letter is curiously illogical. Does she suppose the medical officer and his male orderly have no sense of "righteous indignation" or is their standard of humanity higher than that of the female nurse? To be quite logical Miss Wortabet should advocate the wounded Germans—as victims of our righteous indignation—being left on the battlefield. Why should the unfortunate doctor and his male assistant outrage their proper feeling of loathing by touching them, if their colleague—the nurse—is to be spared? Is female nursing a kind of treat reserved only for meritorious cases?

Yours faithfully,

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## PROTECTION OF OUR PROFESSIONAL CLOTH.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—How are we to protect what we have not got, or rather what we have got in so many different devices? There are hundreds of different nurses' uniforms, and if only one can be safeguarded, which is it to be?

What we trained nurses really need is legal status, to get our Registration Bill through, and then we could select a "Registered Nurses' Uniform" with badge, and protect that, that would give us real and not simply sumptuary classification. Nothing can really be effective so long as we are deprived of professional status.

Yours truly,

LOGICAL.

## THE TREATMENT OF TETANUS BY CARBOLIC ACID INJECTIONS.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—In THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING this week you mention carbolic acid as being used now for tetanus. The following case might be interesting. Two years ago a patient was admitted to us nine days after an accident. Shortly after admission symptoms of tetanus developed. He had one injection only of anti-tetanus serum, followed by carbolic acid (1 in 20) 20 mins., hypodermic injections 4-hourly.

He was unconscious for over five weeks, and during that time taxed all our efforts to the uttermost. He, however, made a very good recovery, and is to-day serving King and country at the Dardanelles.

L. M. MILFORD (Matron).

P.S.—Your paper, which I take weekly, is very helpful. As this is a Cottage Hospital, it helps one to keep in touch with the nursing world.

## THE PSYCHIC PRINCIPLE IN NURSING INFANTS.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I was very interested in the paper by Miss Lester published in last week's journal on the above subject. I think every midwife who has any instinct for caring for babies will entirely agree with the views expressed by her. Do we not all know midwives and nurses with whom babies are happy at once, into whose arms they nestle and fall asleep contentedly, while there are others who may be skilful and conscientious, with whom babies never really thrive, because they have not got the mothering faculty, and probably never will have it even if they have children of their own? To make the patient comfortable is the basis of good nursing, and to make the baby content and happy, to surround it with an atmosphere of content, should be the aim of every children's nurse and midwife. We all know women made for the part. We all know others who, however satisfactory and even brilliant they may be as nurses of adults, will never make satisfactory children's nurses. The baby is a discriminating scrap, and his discernment is seldom at fault.

Yours faithfully,

A MIDWIFE OF MANY YEARS' STANDING.

## REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

H. E. B.—Write to the Secretary Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund for Disabled Nurses, 73, Cheapside, E.C., which grants annuities to disabled trained nurses of at least ten years' service, and at least 40 years of age. The nurse is required to make a contribution before receiving the annuity.

## FRENCH FLAG NURSING CORPS.

Candidates for the French Flag Nursing Corps Service in France can be interviewed by arrangement with the Hon. Secretary, 431, Oxford Street, London, W. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick will be at 431, Oxford Street, W., on Friday, December 10th, and Monday, December 13th, from 2.30 to 5 p.m., to see candidates, who must be well educated and hold a certificate for three years' general training, which they should bring for inspection. Experience in fever nursing is an additional advantage, also a knowledge of French.

## OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS.

December 18th.—What is meant by (a) public hygiene; (b) personal hygiene; (c) mental hygiene; (d) sanitation?

December 25th.—(a) Name three diseases requiring special diet; (b) give proper menu for a meal for each disease.

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