

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.

PRAISE FOR "THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING."

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I beg to acknowledge cheque for 5s., 1st Prize Competition, and for which I thank you.

I should like to take this opportunity to say that THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING has helped me on many points during my training. The high "tone" of the paper should ensure it a wide circulation.

May success shortly reward the fight for State Registration, which the paper so loyally supports!

Yours, &c.,

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FIRM FOR STATE REGISTRATION.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I was deeply disappointed that it was impossible for me to attend the meeting on the 12th, as I should have warmly applauded all the first-rate speeches made in support of State Registration, as against any attempt to organize our profession on a voluntary basis. As a Military Nursing Sister holding a Bart.'s certificate, and with six years' added experience, I strongly protest against nursing being placed on a lower basis than midwifery. It took me three years' hard technical and brain work to gain my nursing certificate, and only three months' somewhat superficial obstetric work to gain the Central Midwives' Board Certificate. Yet the latter qualification, which any village nurse can obtain, gives me legal status, whilst all my highly skilled scientific nursing work counts for nothing! May I express the gratitude of many nurses in this hospital for the firm stand taken by yourself and the other speakers at the meeting; we were pleased to see Miss Musson proposed the State Registration resolution. As an Army Sister, I am not supposed to take part in politics in the press, so will sign myself

A MEMBER OF THE BART.'S LEAGUE.

THE POWER OF THE PRESS.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—Much to my regret I could not attend the National Council Meeting and vote for legal registration as against the suggested and useless scheme of nursing organization, but when I read last week's JOURNAL I realised more than ever what it means for the nurses to have their own voice in the press which stands firmly for principles. The truth is, we should have been

crushed out ages ago, if it had not been for THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING. You have my warmest thanks—also Miss Brey— and your able helpers, Miss Kent and Miss Hawkins—who, week by week, give their support to the "voice." This is my first letter to the press, but we must all do "our bit" now.

Yours sincerely,

Emerald Isle.

MARION S. GROGAN.

ALL BRITISH NOWADAYS.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—In the JOURNAL for February 12th, page 139, Lord George Hamilton is reported as saying that he "believes it is universally admitted that the English woman is the best nurse in the world, and wherever she has gone, be it in France, Egypt, or the wilds of Serbia, the English nurse has covered herself with distinction." Well, according to the newspapers we see in this part of the world, it is the members of the Scottish Women's Hospital who have "covered themselves with distinction in Serbia."

The nurses of the whole Empire are giving of their best in this great War. South African, Australian, New Zealand, and Canadian, but these are British, not English nurses. And there seems no reason to doubt that had any of these been in Serbia under the same terrible conditions their behaviour would have been equally splendid. But after all the point to my mind seems to be not that the adventurers were English, Scotch or Irish. The point is that they were women and show the world the stuff that is in womankind.

I am, yours faithfully,

E. HORTON.

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[We are all British nowadays, and no doubt Lord George Hamilton meant to include all the splendid Scottish nurses when praising work in Serbia.—ED.]

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Writer of letter signed L/C. U. P. M., General Hospital, Egypt, must send name and address, not for publication.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS.

March 4th.—Give directions for giving medicine so as to prevent accidents.

March 11th.—(a) What is intestinal colic? (b) What are the common causes? (c) What is the usual treatment?

March 18th.—Why has the Cocaine Habit such ruinous results to health?

March 25th.—What care should refrigerators receive? How would you preserve ice?

FRENCH FLAG NURSING CORPS.

Candidates can be interviewed on Friday, 25th, and Thursday, March 2nd, at 431, Oxford Street, London, W., 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.

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