

Parliament to give them permission to do so. Now seats are provided, how many assistants use them? Do they prefer not to? Of course not. They are permitted to sit down, it is true, but that is a very different thing from being encouraged to do so.

Yours faithfully,

OBSERVER.

### INSPIRING LETTERS.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—In sending my subscription for the year, I cannot refrain from expressing my sense of indebtedness to the Editor for her unwearying service to the nursing profession through the pages of the journal. Without it, we who have not the Editor's vantage ground for a broad outlook on all matters relating to "the cloth" should be indeed left behind in the march of progress. As it is, I feel that here in India, one is kept informed of everything really necessary to know, and as long as the Editor is in her watchtower it would be difficult to gain an unfair advantage over the nursing profession. . . . Five shillings are gladly sent as my mite to help on the great end of State Registration, and with keen appreciation of all our leaders are doing,

I am, sincerely yours,

JESSIE GRANT.

Z.B.M. Mission,

Duchess of Teck Hospital, Patna.

DEAR MADAM,—Please find enclosed money order for 9s., being my subscription for the coming year for THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING. I appreciate the noble work your paper is doing for the nursing profession, and find it keeps me in touch with the most progressive members in London. Wishing your journal every success,

I am,

Collins Street,  
Melbourne.

Sincerely yours,

GRETTE LYONS.

[These appreciative letters, of which we receive quite a number, help to encourage the B.J.N. staff in their uphill work for the organization of the nursing profession on just, self-governing lines.—ED.]

### USE COMMON SENSE.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—In this hospital, application forms have been distributed to the sisters and staff nurses by the matron, for registering with the Nursing College, and it has been plainly intimated to us that we are expected to register. The special sort of registration has not been explained to us, nor have we been told what advantage it will be to us. Many of us registered years ago with the Royal British Nurses' Association, and it has done us no good, and many of us are very averse to being placed under lay people who appear to have so much power in the College Scheme. What do you advise?

Yours truly,

AN OLD WARD SISTER.

[We advise that before supporting any scheme for professional organisation in connection with the College of Nursing, that each trained nurse should obtain the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and study them carefully, before she undertakes to be bound by them.—ED.]

### REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Sister T.F.N.S.—Ask the Librarian, Medical Institution, Liverpool, to send you copies of the pamphlets written in non-technical language for young soldiers, warning them of the dangers incurred by contracting venereal diseases. Glad you have the courage to ventilate this subject; it is high time prudery was ignored when the issues to health and happiness are so vital.

### OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS.

September 16th.—How would you feed (a) a healthy child, four months old; (b) a child suffering from marasmus, four months old; (c) a child suffering from acute diarrhoea and vomiting, four months old.

September 23rd.—Give the different kinds of sputum, mentioning the cases in which each is found. How would you disinfect that from a case of Phthisis?

September 30th.—What conditions are likely to lead to rupture of the perineum?

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