

CONSCRIPTION FOR NURSES.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I suppose under the Defence of the Realm Act conscription of nurses can be put into force, and, as we have no voice on the "Supply of Nurses Committee," we cannot get things reformed in military hospitals; but I for one would rather go to prison than again work under the control of an untrained Commandant.

In the hospital in which I was placed the Commandant went round with the doctor, and "supervised" the nursing. I was bullied and blamed for the result of her vanity, ignorance and incompetence, and I will never submit to it again. I entered the hospital as a trained professional nurse. I was treated as a "Nuss." The whole system was snobbery.

Yours truly,

A WORKING WOMAN.

[We have received numbers of letters to the same effect.—ED.]

SIGN NO AGREEMENT WITHOUT READING IT.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I have just had a form given me asking me to fill it in and send it to "The College of Nursing," London. If accepted I pay £1 1s. fee; as I am already a member of the Society for State Registration of Nurses, I am rather in doubt as to what I ought to do. What would you advise me?

Yours, &c.,
No. —

[We receive many letters of the same sort, proving that without thought and explanation nurses are being given forms to fill in for membership of the College, whether they wish to do so or not. As each nurse has to sign an agreement to conform to the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the College of Nursing, when applying for voluntary registration, many of which are highly objectionable, surely nurses should be encouraged to read the regulations they pledge themselves to support and obey. We advise our correspondent to procure a copy of the Nurses' Registration Bill, also a copy of the Memorandum and Articles of the College of Nursing and realise what they mean before signing any agreement. They can be procured from Eyre & Spottiswoode, East Harding Street, London, E.C.—ED.]

POINTS OF VIEW.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I regret having to write on a personal matter, but my attention has been drawn to a paragraph in last week's BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, which, in justice to the Editor of *The Hospital*, I feel bound to correct. I undertook work on the Editorial Staff of *The Hospital* on a clear understanding that if at the end of three months I found I had no particular aptitude for journalism but preferred administrative and

nursing work, I should terminate my engagement and I have done so for these reasons and not for those assigned to me in the paragraph to which I refer.

Yours faithfully,

C. C. DU SAUTOY.

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Lyons, France.

[The paragraph to which Miss du Sautoy refers gave no reasons for her resignation from the staff of *The Hospital*. We expressed the opinion that "she did not find a journalistic connection with a proprietary paper for nurses all that fancy painted it." Presumably had she found the work agreeable she would not have given it up. Miss du Sautoy writes "in justice to the Editor." We wrote in justice to the nursing profession that "we cannot imagine it possible for a professional woman to find any satisfaction in being attached to a publication which has for years opposed so bitterly every just aspiration of the nursing profession." We are of the same opinion still.—ED.]

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Miss C. Mayhew, London.—For information re canteen work, write to Lady Lawrence, Munition Makers' Canteen Committee, 58, Victoria Street, S.W., to Women's Legion, 72, Upper Berkeley Street, W., or to the Young Women's Christian Association, 26, George Street, Hanover Square, London, W.

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October 21st.—What is *Materia Medica*? Outline a practical course for nurses.

October 28th.—State what you know of the care of patients suffering from a Cerebral Tumour.

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