

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

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## THE VOTE COVERS ALL.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—May I offer my congratulations on the soundness of your prophecy at the N.U.T.N. Conference that the franchise was coming? and also upon the fact itself, which will, I trust, bring nearer the ideals for which you have fought so long and gallant a fight? The unanimity of the political leaders is very remarkable.

Yours sincerely,

Coddington Court, C. M. WADE.  
Ledbury.

## THE KENSINGTON GARDENS CLUB FOR NURSES.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—Re your appreciative notice of the above club in this week's *B.J.N.*, may I add my testimony?

My two sisters and I arrived in London after a long journey under somewhat trying circumstances. One sister's husband was taken by us to a nursing home after a bad accident. There were endless delays, and the sister I refer to being due for an abdominal operation suffered much pain. We arrived at Miss Cave's house very exhausted, and she gave us the kindest welcome, and more than that she made us feel absolutely at home and comfortable, and gave us many thoughtful kindnesses.

I should like Nurses to realise what a very nice club it is over which Miss Cave presides with so much kindness and understanding.

Yours faithfully,

SISTER ON SICK LEAVE.  
Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.

## A COURT OF INQUIRY FOR MILITARY NURSES.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I write to call your attention to a notice that has been sent round to members of the Territorial Force Nursing Service requesting them to sign a new agreement.

This agreement promises nurses an increase of salary of £20 a year after one year's service.

But amongst its terms is one which I notice is the clause which you consider unfair. It states that the nurse may be immediately dismissed from the Service for any misconduct or neglect of duty and forfeit all gratuities due to her. As you point out one person is to be the sole judge of such misconduct. Could anything be more unfair?

Other nurses like myself may have much need for extra salary, but can you advise us to sign this agreement which puts us absolutely at the mercy of one woman who might be unfair or prejudiced?

All other members of His Majesty's Forces may claim a Court Martial. Why not a Court of Inquiry for Nurses?

Perhaps other Nurses are feeling as I do in this matter. It would be interesting to have their opinion of such injustice.

Yours truly,

JUSTICE.

[There is no sort of tyranny which requires to be more carefully watched and guarded against than that of a bureaucracy. Scratch the bureaucrat and you find the despot. If certificated Nurses refused to sign such an agreement it would have to be modified or withdrawn. We cannot believe that Queen Alexandra, who is the President of the T.F.N.S., can have approved of this provision.—ED.]

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—Several Irish nurses want to thank you for drawing public attention to the "Offending Clause." We are of opinion that the Matron-in-Chief's Department at the War Office is urgently in need of reform. Many Irish Nurses have been most unjustly dismissed.

Yours sincerely,

Dublin.

SEVERAL SUFFERERS.

## OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS.

## QUESTIONS.

*April 21st.*—How are wounds infected? How may infection be avoided or minimized?

*April 28th.*—How would you prepare a patient for the operation of removal of an eye? Describe the subsequent nursing care.

*May 5th.*—Name some diseases that may be caused by the following errors in diet; (a) insufficient food, (b) lack of fresh food, (c) overeating, (d) improperly balanced diet.

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