

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.

JUSTICE FOR THE WORKING NURSE.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I note that the Supply of Nurses' Committee express the opinion, in their Report, that it must rest with the Training Schools to decide how much the military service of the V.A.D. members shall count for in the event of their wishing to complete their training after the war. This appears to open the door to great irregularities and in properly organized Schools cannot be done. What must sooner or later be re-considered by the Training Schools is the injustice of demanding the fourth year's work from "The Working Nurse," now made compulsory in many large hospitals. Three years' training should be the maximum, when a nurse should be ready for her Central Exam. by an independent Board. The fourth year is only compulsory labour, and should be done away with. If the Training Schools are going to be permitted to make easy terms for V.A.D.s, then the general probationers must also be more generously treated. We have had enough of the "preference probationer," the "peeress matron," and the "autocrat Commandant." After the war, the despised "Working Nurse" must present her point of view, and prevent all these absurdities for the future.

Yours truly,
"A WORKING NURSE."

A SIMPLE REMEDY.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—May I ask you whether the Superintendent of a Nurses' Home, where private nurses stay between cases, has any right to place upon the Notice Board all the College propaganda, and constantly annoy us by drawing our attention to it? I was a State Registrationist ten years before the College was founded. I am quite content with our own Bill, and have no confidence in one drafted by "Antis." Last week the "Word of Caution" from the College against our Petition to the Prime Minister was stuck up, but not so our Petition. What remedy has a nurse against this partisanship?

Yours truly,
A MEMBER R.N.S.

[The remedy is quite simple. Leave the Home.—Ed.]

THE "SERF CLAUSE."

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—May I enquire if the American Nurses now working under our War Office, have to sign the agreement containing the "Serf

Clause." It does not seem possible to insult them by suggesting it.

Yours truly,
SISTER T.F.N.S.

[That question has been put to a member of one of the Units, and her reply was "We are not signing anything on this side, and would return to the States before we would sign such an agreement."—Ed.]

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Miss F. M. B. D.—Candidates who desire to enter Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service, must produce certificates of at least three years' hospital training. Write for the regulations of the Service, enclosing 3d. to His Majesty's Stationery Office, 28, Abingdon Street, S.W.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITION.

QUESTION.

June 23rd.—What do you know of Trench Feet, and how have you seen the condition treated?

NOTICE.

Will Mrs. Main, not known at Broom House Hospital now, please send address, as copy of Journal has been returned, "Address not known"?

CONCESSION

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TRAINED NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

Upon the request of a large number of old subscribers, whose expenses have gone up during the war, it has been decided that members of societies affiliated to the National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland, of which it is the official organ, shall have the privilege of having THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, if obtained direct from the office, for 6s. 6d. for a year, post free, provided this sum is sent in advance to the Manager, 431, Oxford Street, London, W. 1.

AFFILIATED SOCIETIES.

The Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland.

The Irish Nurses' Association.

The Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses.

The National Union of Trained Nurses.

The Registered Nurses' Society.

The School Nurses' League.

St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses' League.

League of Royal Free Hospital Nurses.

League of St. John's House Nurses.

General Hospital, Birmingham, Nurses' League.

Queen's Hospital, Birmingham, Nurses' League.

Leicester Royal Infirmary Nurses' League.

Chelsea Infirmary Nurses' League.

Kingston Infirmary Nurses' League.

Royal South Hants Nurses' League.

Victoria and Bournemouth Nurses' League.

St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester, Nurses' League.

City of Westminster Infirmary Nurses' League.

Cleveland Street Infirmary Nurses' League.

Southwark Infirmary Nurses' League.

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