

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.

OFFICERS' RANK FOR MILITARY NURSES.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

"Daughter am I in my mother's house;
But Mistress in my own."

DEAR MADAM,—In reply to the query of "An Imperial Sister," in the last number of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, I am happy to give the desired information and to add that Canadian Army Nurses have enjoyed the privileges of officers' rank since 1906.

As a similar policy has recently been adopted by Australia and New Zealand, may we hope for an outline of the organisation from a sister of the Overseas Forces of these respective countries?

Faithfully yours,

"A PUKKA CANADIAN."

CANADIAN ARMY MEDICAL NURSING SERVICE.

Organisation.

1. The organisation of the Canadian Army Medical Nursing Service as an integral part of the Canadian Army Medical Corps is authorised, and will be governed by the following instructions:—

Administration.

2. The Canadian Army Medical Nursing Service will be administered by the D.M.S., although the executive control of the service will be vested in the Matron-in-Chief, who will be responsible to the D.M.S. for all matters connected with personal services, records and general matters relating to the *personnel* of the Nursing Service.

Status.

3. Matrons and Nursing Sisters are to be regarded as having authority in Military Hospitals next after the officers of the C.A.M.C., in regard to medical matters and work in connection with the sick and wounded. They are at all times to be obeyed accordingly and to receive the respect due to their position.

Appointments.

4. Nurses on first appointment to the Canadian Nursing Service will receive the appointment of Nursing Sister with the relative rank of Lieutenant, with pay and allowances of that rank.

Higher appointments will be granted and promotions will be made with relative rank as under:—

Appointments Held.

Nursing Sister.—Relative rank of Lieutenant with pay and allowances of that rank.

Higher Appointments Granted.

Matron.—Relative rank of Captain with pay and allowances of that rank.

Matron-in-Chief.—Relative rank of Major, with pay and allowances of that rank.

Nursing Sisters holding the acting appointment of Matrons or Assistant Matrons will be granted the relative rank of Captain with pay and allowances of that rank whilst so employed.

The Assistant to the Matron-in-Chief will hold the appointment of Matron and be granted the relative rank of Captain with pay and allowances pertaining to that rank.

A BABY SAVING CAMPAIGN.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—In your JOURNAL, to which I am a subscriber, I see a great deal about "Baby Week" and infant mortality in England.

This evil is not by any means confined to England. There is much to be done also here, where I believe the mortality is even higher. I am very anxious to get all the information I can on the subject, as I write in the Italian magazines, and wish to help start a baby-saving campaign. Can you be so kind as to tell me where I can get the exact figures as to the infant mortality in England? (is one allowed to know them?) the chief causes of death, the month of the year in which the infant death-roll is highest and something about the scientific feeding of infants, of which England seems to be making a fine art? Also, would it be possible to know if the death-rate is high in Foundling hospitals and institutions of that sort?

Any advice you can give me, as to where I can obtain reports, pamphlets, the latest and best books on the subject, or any direct information you can give me, either by letter or through the JOURNAL, will be most thankfully received.

Please excuse me for troubling you, and believe me

Sincerely yours,

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Rome.

[We have sent information in reply to the enquiries of our correspondent, but shall be pleased to forward other details if printed matter is sent to us which will be useful to her.—EN.]

OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS.

QUESTIONS.

September 29th.—Mention maladies in the newly-born, and the usual treatment and nursing.

October 6th.—Give the nursing of a case after amputation of the thigh.

October 13th.—How would you sterilize rolled gauze, gauze sponges, rubber gloves, and glass catheters.

October 20th.—(a) What is meant by prolapse of the cord? (b) What are the changes of such a position? (c) How would you treat such a case until the doctor arrives?

October 27th.—Describe the phases of an epileptic seizure. State what you would do for a patient during one and afterwards.

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