

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.

THE AMENDE HONORABLE.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—As an old life member of the R.B.N.A. I attended the General Meeting on January 18th, 1917. I took no part in the discussion, as apparently the whole plan to part with our Charter was cut and dried beforehand.

Later, I felt it my duty to enquire from the Secretary of the R.B.N.A. as to the nature of the private agreement that had been entered into between it and the College of Nursing, Ltd., which afterwards was made public and proved to be absolutely worthless.

Now that the R.B.N.A. has withdrawn the application to the Privy Council for a Supplemental Charter, it is an open secret that the members largely owe the preservation of their Charter to the present Honorary Medical Secretary, Mr. Herbert Paterson, and to prove that my former attitude was not a contentious one I should like to be among the first to offer to the Honorary Medical Secretary of the R.B.N.A. my hearty thanks for his practical sympathy with the nurse members.

Yours faithfully,
HENRIETTA HAWKINS.

EDITH CAVELL HOMES FOR NURSES.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—Thank you so much for your kind notice in your Journal of November 17th. I do hope that if you know of any Nurses requiring a home and rest, especially those who come from abroad, you will let me know, and I shall be delighted to receive them, if we have any vacancies. We start next Monday.

Yours truly,

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COMING EVENTS CAST THEIR SHADOWS BEFORE THEM.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—Enclosed (an admirable letter sent to the *Observer*.—ED.) was returned to me by the Editor of the *Observer*, with the comment that "it would be ungracious to make this a subject of controversy"! Did you ever hear such a scandal? A highly controversial scheme like the "College of Nursing" is apparently to be sponsored by the Press and shielded carefully from all adverse criticism! Well, of course it

shows how the "College" Council will act towards any nurse who happens to raise a voice of protest against their policy at any time. I will hope it will be a warning!

Yours very truly,

GLADYS TATHAM.

[The Editor of the *Observer* writes:—"I fear it would be very ungracious of us to make this a controversial matter at the present moment; so we can only return your letter with thanks." We have never known more intense feeling aroused amongst nurses than by this latest subsidized Press boycott. It is a shameful exhibition of tyranny and a disgrace to the British Press.—ED.]

AN ENCOURAGING SOUND.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—In my opinion the most significant and encouraging sign of awakening professional conscience amongst trained nurses was the hissing aroused by the mention of the British Women's Hospital Committee by Miss Brodrick in her most magnificent address, when she referred to its conduct and patronage in connection with the charitable appeal upon our behalf, at the recent Conference of the National Union of Trained Nurses.

I came a long distance to attend this Conference, and, omitting all mention of the most instructive lectures given by so many eminent medical men, Miss Brodrick's address alone was ample recompense. The sooner her heroic and inspiring words are in print the better. Let them be sent broadcast. Ignorance is the worst condition we have to fight both within and without our profession.

Yours very truly,

A NORTH-COUNTRY WOMAN.

COMING EVENTS.

November 24th to December 3rd.—Imperial Nurses Club: Birthday Festival, 137, Ebury Street, London, S W 1

November 27th.—Poor Law Infirmary Matrons' Association: Annual Meeting, 6, Ormonde Gate, Chelsea, S.W. 3 p.m.

November 30th.—Nurses' Missionary League: Quiet Day, Holy Trinity Church, St. Marylebone, N.W. 1. Conductor, Rev. H. St. B. Holland, M.A. 6 a.m.—5 p.m.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITION.

QUESTIONS.

November 24th.—What do you know of the Carrell-Dakin treatment of septic wounds? Describe the method of its application.

December 1st.—How would you recognise perforation in a case of enteric fever? What immediate action would you take, and how could you temporarily relieve the patient?

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