

ODIOUS ADVERTISEMENTS.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—The *B.J.N.* is the only advocate of self-respect for nurses left. We are thankful to get it out here just now I can tell you. In this Anglicised French town, whenever we open a newspaper, we are faced with those odious advertisements, cadging, in the name of the Nation's Nurses, for "widow's mites," and appealing to the sorrow-stricken relatives of our dead and wounded heroes!

Charity indeed, and for Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service. It is degrading. These abominable advertisements bang us in the eye not only in newspapers but in leaflet form. I can tell you we feel pretty mad over here. We have never asked for charity, we have never been consulted about it. Is there any way of stopping this so-called British Women's Hospital Committee holding us up as self-seeking paupers? If they must beg, why do they not beg for professional actresses? No doubt they dare not attempt such an insult to their own profession in war time, when we all want to give everything we can to those worse off than ourselves instead of advertising for alms. We all thank you for making it public that this thing has been done in our name without our consent. I can't think how "Guy's" can support such methods.

Yours truly,

Q.A.I.M.N.S. (R.).

WHICH STATEMENT IS TRUE?

DEAR MADAM,—I recently read the following paragraphs in the *Daily Mail*:—"We feel also," said Sir Arthur Stanley, speaking of the need of money for the College of Nursing, "that now is the time when the large body of semi-trained nurses, V.A.D.s and others should be in a position to continue their nursing training on beneficial terms, and our endeavour will be to organise the acceptance of the V.A.D.s by the College of Nursing."

I attended a meeting in Liverpool last Tuesday, which was addressed by Miss Rundle, the Secretary of the College, and she distinctly said, "It was necessary to organise now, because of the conditions through which the country was passing, V.A.D.s had no position at all in connection with the College. These nurses must take their training the same as other nurses had done," a sentiment which was loudly applauded. But which of these official statements is the truth? They both cannot be—so which of the speakers is stating the truth? that is what some of the Liverpool nurses would like to know. Yours truly,

A THOROUGHLY-TRAINED SISTER.

[We believe that already preferential treatment is being arranged by certain hospital committees for women who have worked in military hospitals. Before signing a three, four or five years' contract of training—in reality a lengthy apprenticeship—with any hospital, candidates should ascertain if this unjust competition is to be permitted. If so, go elsewhere.—Ed.]

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TRAINED NURSES.

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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 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.

THE FRENCH FLAG NURSING CORPS.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick will see candidates for service in France with the above Corps, at 431, Oxford Street, London, W., on Saturday, December 8th, and on Friday, December 14th, from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Candidates must hold a three years' certificate from a general hospital or infirmary. Age 25 to 38; must have good health, and speak some French.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITION.**QUESTIONS.**

December 8th.—(a) What symptoms may be found in an infant who is suffering from congenital syphilis? (b) What symptoms may develop in a new-born infant if the mother is suffering from gonorrhœa?

December 15th.—Point out dangers to citizens from milk, insects, drainage, water, food and garbage.

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