

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.

LEICESTER LEAGUE AND THE NURSES' REGISTRATION BILLS.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—As the letters from a member of the Leicester Royal Infirmary Nurses' League, April 20th and May 11th, 1918, have given rise to an erroneous impression with regard to the attitude of Miss Vincent towards the League, I, being one of the earliest members, also one who has had the privilege of frequenting the Infirmary since the day of Miss Vincent's appointment as Matron, write to say that your correspondent has been entirely misinformed, for, in common with other non-resident members, I have always met with courtesy and consideration from Miss Vincent. I would stake my own honour on the truth that Miss Vincent has never acted other than in a fair and just way to the League.

In stating this I am only giving expression to the opinion of many (up to April 20th I should have said all) other members of the League. I should have written sooner, but a great personal sorrow has been shadowing me, and I fear I did not quite appreciate all the harm these letters were doing, for they might, if the mistake is not corrected, cause a greater cleavage in the League than any number of Colleges, Ltd., or otherwise, could do, for it is one member attacking another, and not in the open. I am sure the writer cannot have realised this.

Believe me,

Very truly yours,

ELINOR PELL SMITH,

Member of the L.R.I.N.L. Also as firm a believer that the right principles of the Central Committee for State Registration will prevail, as that we shall ultimately win this war.

The Home Hospital,
Leicester.

[Right principles will prevail if we are prepared to support, fight and suffer for them, not otherwise.—ED.]

KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

Sister Amy, London, writes:—"How is it any-one, from a duchess to a domestic, can wear our civil Sisters' uniform with impunity? It seems most unfair. The newspapers are always stating we are jealous of V.A.D.s. Is it any wonder? when the State protects them (quite rightly) in every way, and treats real nurses—those who have spent years in serving it to the best of their

ability—with such neglect? No accused female should be permitted to enter the dock in a nurses' uniform, innocent or guilty."

[We fear the State is a snob. We voters must teach it to respect humanity irrespective of its banking account; and we must teach the wage-earners they are the only section of the State which really counts in the stability of a nation. Write to your Member of Parliament on this point.—ED.]

A Scottish Sister writes: "I see women are being nominated as candidates for Parliament. Are you going to stand? The Nurses' Registration Bill, in charge of a trained nurse in the Commons, would not then be kept waiting for a second reading for another *fourteen years!*"

[That it would not.—ED.]

Miss J. G. Gilchrist writes:—"I look forward to receiving the JOURNAL every week for the wide, patriotic outlook, as well as for the educational standard it upholds."

NOTICE.

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OUR PRIZE COMPETITION.

We regret that we are unable to award a prize this week in connection with the question, "What steps would you take if you came in contact with a case of infectious disease as a district nurse (1) for the welfare of the patient, (2) to prevent the spread of infection," as the papers were not up to standard.

QUESTIONS.

June 22nd.—Describe the terms Concussion, Cerebral Compression, Cerebral Irritation. Describe the treatment of such cases.

June 29th.—State what you know about acute malignant glanders in man.

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