

## 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.*

## APPEAL FOR A NURSES' BED.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—To celebrate the Jubilee of the New Hospital for Women, founded by the late Dr. Elizabeth Garrett Anderson in 1866, an appeal is being made to all women's colleges, girls' schools and groups of women workers in the United Kingdom to support the hospital by endowing separate beds which will be named after the colleges or groups represented.

Already Girton, Newnham, Somerville and Bedford Colleges are endowing beds, the Civil Servants, the Musicians, the Women Writers, the members of the Dramatic Profession are following suit, and indeed every field of women's work is being approached to join in recognising Dr. Garrett Anderson's great work for women. I feel sure the Nursing Profession will certainly wish to be represented also, and if every Matron, Sister and Nurse will give a small sum towards this project, there is no doubt we shall receive the sum we require for endowing a "Nurses' Bed."

I shall be most grateful for any contributions however small, sent to me at the hospital.

Yours very faithfully,

WINIFRED E. EVERITT.

*Appeal Secretary.*

New Hospital for Women, N.W. 1.

## A VOLUNTARY TAX.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR EDITOR,—Last year someone suggested that we should give 1d. in the £ of our earnings for the year to the good cause. I believe it was you, but I am not sure; anyway it is a good idea. I have a little more to send this year than last—7s. 1d. instead of 6s.

Please accept my grateful thanks for all the hard work you are doing on our behalf.

I thought I had done most things since I began nursing, but now I saw the logs, quite a new accomplishment, warming certainly, but nothing to show for your labour. Two hours' hard sawing all goes up the chimney in smoke in twelve hours. The garden ought to be dug over. I am thinking about that, thinking hard.

Yours faithfully,

ONE OF THE RANK AND FILE.

Dudwell Farm, Burwash.

[It was Miss Beatrice Kent who proposed that earnest registrationists might voluntarily tax themselves a penny in the pound on their earnings annually. We are most grateful to those generous nurses who have done so.—ED.]

## PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I herewith forward to you 2s., my subscription to the Society for the State Registration of Nurses, falling due on December 12th.

The nursing profession would have been in a queer plight indeed if the hon. officials of the Society had failed in their vigilance during the past few months, and we owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick and her supporters.

Trusting that the New Year will add many new members to the Society,

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

MARIA DUGDALE.

Rawtenstall.

## NO SPIDER'S PARLOUR.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—In spite of the boycott of the London Press the opinions of a few nurses are appearing in important county papers. I note that Dr. Henry H. MacWilliams, of Liverpool, states in the *Liverpool Courier*, "I think Miss Eden must admit that the constitution of the College is democratic." Has he ever read it? Surely not. And why do medical men advise nurses to be content with a system of organization, which would cause a revolution if proposed for their own profession? Here is a company of laymen who have set out to organize a woman's profession without their consent—and yet Dr. MacWilliams advises the members of our professional societies to register with it. Why? What do we gain? Nothing. The time has gone past for such trifling. Let Dr. MacWilliams do as he would be done by. Imagine "the three tailors of Tooley Street" interfering with medical registration. If Dr. MacWilliams is in earnest for our good let him help us to obtain an independent Statutory Governing Body by Act of Parliament such as he enjoys under the Medical Acts, and not offer trained nurses a shoddy system he would not tolerate for his own profession. We nurses shall have the Vote before the next election, and we mean to demand a safe Bill. We are now far too wide awake to walk into any "spider's parlour."

Yours truly,

A LIVERPOOL FLY.

## OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS.

## QUESTIONS.

January 26th.—Mention some of the principal diseases of the digestive system and the appropriate nursing care.

February 2nd.—In what directions do you suggest that steps may be taken to reduce waste to a minimum in the administration of a ward?

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