

## 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 KING'S FUND FOR THE DISABLED. WHO WILL FOLLOW HIS MAJESTY'S LEAD?

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

MADAM,—His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to give not only his name, but also the magnificent sum of £78,000 to the Fund which was recently inaugurated to assist disabled officers and men of the Navy, Army and Air Force to become useful members of the community again.

We, the Trustees of the Fund, for whom I sign as Chairman, appeal to the humanity, the gratitude, of every one of your readers—man, woman and child—for a subscription which will help to find a new place in civil life for officers and men of His Majesty's Forces disabled in the War, and for the widows and children of officers and men who have given their lives for us.

"Why doesn't the Government do that?" some readers will ask.

Briefly, a State Pension scale must be hard and fast. Outside that scale there is a great human field which the King's Fund can cover in which the officer, the man, or the dependent can be put on his or her feet, and given a sound re-establishment in civil life.

A State Scheme must be a classification according to the type; the King's Fund passes beyond classification, and acts, not as a public official, but as a private friend.

The present facts are:—

We are receiving 600 applications a week. 2,500 cases have been dealt with thus far. Where the officer or man has been trained by the Ministry of Pensions or where there is a business given up for War Service, which he can restart, an adequate grant can be made.

The Fund is a Monument of Gratitude.

It will cheer our gallant fighters to see that monument rising to £3,000,000—the amount aimed at.

So let us, therefore, have the money—and quickly. Urgent cases are waiting.

The King leads off with his great gift of £78,000.

Who will follow the King's lead?

Contributions should be sent to The King's Fund for the Disabled, Westminster House, Millbank, S.W. 1.

All cheques and postal orders should be crossed.

For the Trustees,

JOHN HODGE, *Chairman.*

## AN INTERESTING COMPARISON.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—The paragraphs with regard to the Royal Air Force Nursing Service in THE

BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING and F.S. Form 144 make a very interesting comparison and provide a very clear answer to why there is such a serious shortage of probationers. Most parents are now carefully considering such information and investigating conditions of service and possible chances in the professions open to their daughters.

The following information does not include the Matrons-in-Chief or highest officers in either department:—

## OFFICERS OF WOMEN'S ROYAL AIR FORCE, NURSING SERVICE AFTER THREE YEARS' TRAINING.

Matron .. .. .	£75	} Board and lodging provided and a yearly increment.
Supt. Sister .. .	£60	
Sisters .. .. .	£50	
Staff Nurses .. .	£40	

## GENERAL SERVICE AFTER THREE WEEKS' TRAINING

Area Inspector .. .	£200	} Quarters provided and £40 6s. deducted for board. Outfit allowance, £20. First-class travelling expenses and 15s. per day when on duty away from Headquarters.
Hostel Administrator .. .	£175	
Deputy Hostel Administrator .. .	£150	
Assistant Hostel Administrator .. .	£120	
Technical Administrator .. .	£150	
Assistant Technical Administrator .. .	£120	

Is it any wonder that it is necessary to inform nurses in Military and Civilian Hospitals that they will not be accepted without permission from employers?

Yours faithfully,

INTERESTED.

## AN AUSTRALIAN POINT OF VIEW.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—Please find enclosed postal note for subscription for BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING. I am always very pleased to get the Journal, as I consider it the most reliable nursing paper, all matters in it being handled by professional nursing experts not by lay people. I hope your State Registration Bill will soon go through, then your power as a woman voter registered nurse will be greatly increased. We are trusting our Bill will come on during the Session which opens soon. We think most of the members, both Liberal and Labour, are sympathetic in their views on our request.

Wishing your Journal continued success and power.

I am, faithfully yours,

GRETTA LYONS.

Melbourne, Victoria.

## OUR PRIZE COMPETITION.

## QUESTIONS.

September 14th.—What do you know of Ex-ophthalmic G6itre, its symptoms, and nursing care?

September 21st.—What is the function of the blood? Why may hæmorrhage cause death?

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