

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.

CONGRATULATIONS FROM HOLLAND.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR EDITOR,—It was with great pleasure that we noted from THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING your twenty-five years' feat as Editor.

We are utterly sorry that our congratulations will not reach you, together with those of other Corporations.

The reason for this delay is due to the decease of our beloved Miss v. Lanschot Hubrecht, which fact was the cause that the time of our members of the board was so taken up by the many necessary arrangements, that the reading of the foreign periodicals had to be postponed.

We trust, however, that you will still accept our most hearty congratulations, which before all, mean to express the hope, that we will still see you a long time as the leader of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

With our best wishes, we are,

Faithfully yours,

THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF NOSOKOMOS.
Amsterdam.

CHILD WELFARE.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I should like at once to disclaim the idea that anyone becomes "highly trained" by one course of lectures. But many of our voluntary visitors, have worked twelve years at a centre and have many courses of lectures and numberless consultations to their credit, and may thus have become experts in child-welfare. Rather than repeat my paper, may I refer all interested in finding out what I really said, to the report in the JOURNAL of November 23rd.

I advocate highly-trained specialists to supervise and co-operate with the service of local residents, which has its recognised place in all social effort, and while we wait for far-reaching national schemes to house and secure a clean, abundant milk supply for our teeming populations, some of us feel it well to tackle the wet feet of the children—a more manageable proposition after all.

Boot-repairing classes at our schools for mothers release pennies which can be spent on milk, and both have their place in the prevention of illness. We all know that every centre depends on its "personnel," and it is on this account that the League for Maternity and Child-Welfare provides these helpful lecture courses, so that we may approximate in all our centres to uniformity of teaching. Such conferences as suggested are often held by our Workers' Section of the above Association, and we are always glad of suggestions and welcome new members. Miss Wise, 22,

Canonbury Park, N. 1, is our Hon. Secretary, and will be pleased to give details. There are, at least, two organisations discussing vital points affecting health workers. They are: The Council of Professional Women, 92, Victoria Street, S.W. 1; and the Organisation of Social Workers, 5, Adelphi Street, Strand, W.C. 2. In addition, the Babies of the Empire Society is holding an important conference at the Mansion House on December 19th, at 3 p.m., at which all the points mentioned will be ventilated.

I am, yours faithfully,

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THE DEEP SIGHING OF THE POOR.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

MADAM,—With regard to my letter in your issue of November 30th regarding the unburied dead in the poorer parts of London, I have been asked if the bodies referred to were not all lying in the public mortuaries. Certainly this was not the case. They were in the crowded homes where they had died. I know of one instance where the body of a man who had died of cancer of the throat in the Infirmary was brought to his home ten days after death, and it remained there for another thirty-six hours before the burial took place. His family only occupied two rooms in all.

Yours faithfully,

HENRIETTA HAWKINS.

AN URGENT NEED.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR EDITOR,—In the hot weather I had three months' holiday. I was very tired, but I thought to travel in a new part of India and see new faces and hear new voices would interest me and rest me, so I went to Sikkim, a small independent State between Nepal and Bhulair, and truly I was well rewarded. I enjoyed my trip very much, but in all that State there is not a trained nurse and only an assistant surgeon, acting as civil surgeon with Indian assistants. I saw a nun (Tibetan) with her radius bone broken at the wrist, and they had put lotion on it for a sprain. She was twenty-one days in this condition; and women who have illegitimate children have to go into the forest and there stay until it is all over. My heart ached much for those poor women.

Yours in work,

A. R. CREIGHTON.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITION.

QUESTIONS.

December 21st.—What diseases may be caused by faulty dieting? Mention some of the effects which may follow the consumption of putrid or diseased meat.

December 28th.—Describe the signs and symptoms of acute bronchitis in an adult. Give an account of (a) the nursing and (b) the diet required in a case during (1) the acute stage and (2) the convalescent stage. What complications may occur?

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