

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.

FOR A JUST BILL.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR EDITOR,—Miss Sanderson and I are so glad that you have been asked to stand for Parliament, and deeply regret that you cannot enter for the present election, but it is good to know you will when opportunity offers, although I should have liked you to be one of the first elected. Maybe you will.

We are sending you a combined cheque for £5, for the Victory Thank Offering for State Registration; also that you have been given health and strength to work for the nurses' cause for so many years, and may you be spared to see the fruit of your labours in a just Act for the registration of nurses. The gambols of the Fund for Nurses (as it is *not* national it has no right to be called the Nation's Fund) make me furious; such things make for Bolshevism. I sometimes wonder when they will start a rummage sale, but as that would mean work and not fun and frolic I suppose we shall be spared that indignity.

I cannot tell you how much I should like to be able to share in all the work, but I hope you understand me well enough to know all that.

With every good wish for the success of your work, believe us, your sincere good wishers,

MARY BURR.

Les Capucines, Clarens Vaud,
Switzerland.

[A shop where "gifts" are sold in support of the Nation's Nurses has been opened by the Committee of this Fund in North Audley Street, London, so that we are not even spared this form of pauperisation. The plutocrat produces the Bolshevik.—Ed.]

THE WOMEN SANITARY INSPECTORS AND HEALTH VISITORS' ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

MADAM,—In your issue of November 30th, you publish a letter from a correspondent, in which she urges the need for "a really good public health section."

I wonder if she knows that such a section already exists—"The Women Sanitary Inspectors' and Health Visitors' Association"?

The Association is not *exclusively* for trained nurses, but many fully-trained women are members, and as you will see by the rules (a copy of which I enclose), all the workers are trained, most of them very highly.

The Association, too, shares your correspondent's disapproval of the untrained voluntary worker, and is doing its best to ensure that Infant Welfare Workers shall, in future, be compelled

to undergo an adequate training and pass a statutory examination before securing an appointment.

Yours truly,

M. BLANCHARD,

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[The handbook of the Association can be obtained by writing to the Hon. Secretary, Miss Sayle, 12, Buckingham Street, Strand, London, W.C. 2.]

A FACT OR A FARCE.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR EDITOR,—Being desirous to know the truth respecting Women's Franchise, may I ask whether it is a "fact" or a "farce"?

I am a "Queen's Nurse" living in apartments (I possess a key). In the district, as you know, we all live under similar conditions, or in District Homes. Last week I was informed I would have no vote.

I shall be indebted to you if you will kindly state through your invaluable organ, THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING (the only paper for trained nurses) if this is correct? Thanking you in anticipation.

I am, faithfully yours,

STATE REGISTRATIONIST.

Life Member National Union of Trained Nurses, and Affiliated to R.B.N.A.

[A district nurse living in rooms with latchkey is certainly qualified for the Parliamentary franchise, but her name must be on the register in the district in which she has resided for six months. Each nurse should call at the Registration Office, obtain the prescribed form, fill it in, and then *see for herself* that her name is on the Register. It is no use waiting for any official to do his duty. This question of votes for Nurses must now be submitted to Counsel for a legal opinion, as many nurses' names were on the Register living in hospitals, and they voted, whilst others under identical conditions were refused registration.—Ed.]

OUR PRIZE COMPETITION.

QUESTIONS.

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?

January 4th.—State what you know about the result of taking the following drugs: Cocaine and morphine; and how the patients should be nursed.

LAST WORDS FOR 1918.

Yet do thy work; it shall succeed

In thine or in another's day;

And, if denied the victor's meed,

Thou shalt not lack the toiler's pay.

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