

## 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.*

## KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

*Miss L. L. Dook, U.S.A.*—"We are all just as happy as you are. Do write that history of registration campaign now." [Some day.—Ed.]

*An American Nurse.*—"We are having such strange things in this country, not only has the mantle of all the Junkers fallen upon our public men, but Torquemada, Judge Jeffreys, Philip the Second, and the stoners of Stephen, all seem to have come to life. We look at each other in bewilderment. Such a change in the twinkling of an eye is almost beyond belief. Heresy hunting and witch burning are revived as favourite pastimes. If it goes on, many, many innocent and humanity-loving persons will have to go to jail—many are there now. These things depress us and take away one's pleasure in everyday things." [We received just such an expression of opinion from Ireland a few days ago.—Ed.]

## RENDER TO CÆSAR.

*Irish Sister.*—"Render to Cæsar." I was delighted with the *B.J.N.* last week, making quite clear how much we Irish nurses owe to our wise and devoted pioneer in nursing reform—Miss Margaret Huxley. For thirty years, her wise guidance and generous help have been at our disposal and we hope we may have the benefit of her great organizing ability for many years on our Nursing Council. No one has greater practical experience of the needs of Irish nurses and of Irish methods. Even the most loyal of us have no sympathy with being governed from London. I read of the high sense of duty expressed by every speaker at Miss Huxley's Registration Dinner with pride. If inspired by such a public-spirited policy, our new Governing Body will do great things for the national health and for the nurses. Many thanks to you also, dear Editor, for your fearless fight upon our behalf. I have been a reader of your *JOURNAL* for many years and note you have always had a warm corner in your heart for us."

## SOME TRUTH IN IT.

*Another Poor Matron.*—"I agree with 'Matron of a Small Hospital.' We matrons of smaller hospitals do need commiseration. My great grief is that I cannot get the right sort of girl to train. The love of nursing is not the inspiration which it used to be. Times were when nurses had to be driven off duty. Now the difficulty is to keep them on. Then all this chatter in the press by irresponsible people who would not do a week's work themselves is very disconcerting. As to the 'tosh' (as Lord Ampthill would call it) in *D.T.*, it is simply nauseating."

## JULIET TAKES THE CAKE.

*A Young Officer.*—"My sister takes your paper. She sees red over this *Daily Telegraph* 'Shilling Doles Fund.' Slush we call it. What a pity newspapers cannot be muzzled as well as dogs! 'Juliet' fairly takes the cake. You know how greatly I revere the 'Red Capes' after all they did for me. Fancy offering those dear dignified ladies a shilling!"

## AN IRREFUTABLE CASE.

*Lady Superintendent.*—"How perfectly splendid of Councillor Beatrice Kent to lead that anti-doles procession, and how rare is this moral courage in our profession. I do admire it. If the Editor of the *Daily Telegraph* has the good case for trained nurses he professes, why does he refuse to see those who disapprove his policy and why does he boycott their letters and insert columns of bathos about V.A.D.s? I quite agree that such conduct of a public newspaper misleads his readers. The truth is he dare not publish our irrefutable case. It would smash up the appeal, and he knows it." [Quite so.—Ed.]

## NOTICES.

## TICKETS FOR THE NURSING PAGEANT.

As nurses' tickets at 5s. 10r for the Pageant are limited to 350, we advise those who wish to attend this historic function—in celebration of the passing of the Nurses' Registration Acts—to secure them as soon as possible.

Apply to Miss Macdonald, Secretary R.B.N.A., 10, Orchard Street, Portman Square, W.

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Correspondents who desire an answer by post to their letters are asked to enclose a stamped envelope, as the correspondence of this *journal* has so largely increased.

## OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS.

## QUESTIONS.

*February 14th.*—What conclusions might be drawn from a patient's posture in bed?

*February 21st.*—Frequent micturition in children. Describe causes and treatment.

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