

## 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.*

## JOYFUL TIDINGS.

DEAR PRESIDENT AND EDITOR,—I only learnt the joyful tidings on receiving the B.J.N., having missed the *Times* of December 24th. Am enclosing you a picture of the "La Victoire de Samothrace," which is in the Louvre, being too overcome with thankfulness to express my feelings. I am so glad it has happened in "Victory Year," "Le Roy le Veult" page of the Journal is now in a prominent position with a spray of olive attached. But can't we have a "Victory Number" with a résumé of the whole campaign, and photos of all those who have helped us so much?

Yours sincerely,

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## IS IT A SPLENDID OPPORTUNITY?

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I send you the following cutting from the local Press and should like to know what will be the position of women who avail themselves of this "splendid opportunity" at the end of the three years' contract for which time I believe they bind themselves to the County Nursing Association. Will they be eligible for Registration under the Act, for if not it will certainly not be a safe "career" for any woman:—

## "A CAREER FOR WOMEN.

It is realised that there is an opening for suitable women to enter an honourable and useful profession, not only without payment of any premium, but with all expenses paid during the period of training? Any suitable woman between 22 and 40 who applies and is approved can be trained for a year in the Plaistow Training Home, London, as a District Nurse and Midwife. During the year of training the candidate is kept free at the Home, and is paid £1 per month pocket money, with a bonus of £5 at the end of the year. A post is then guaranteed to the candidate who starts her work with a salary of £80 a year, while her uniform, boots and shoes, and a bicycle are provided for her.

It is the Bedfordshire County Nursing Association which through the County Council is able to offer this splendid opportunity to women, and the strange thing is, so we understand through the Secretary, Mrs. Dodd, 5, Linden Road, Bedford, that she has not been overwhelmed with applications. There must be a considerable number of women who, if they really understand the nature of the opportunity thus offered to them, will be quick to seize it."

Yours truly,

A CERTIFICATED QUEEN'S NURSE.

[The standard of training for all Public Service nurses, to which district nurses belong, will no doubt receive the earnest consideration of the General Nursing Council. These village nurses

are primarily midwives, and presumably are registered by the Central Midwives Board. We have always held that they should therefore work under their own legal title of "Certified Midwife," and not claim the title of nurse.—ED.]

## KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

*Member Leicester League.*—"I am proud our League took part in the work for registration. Our delegate on the Society for State Registration of Nurses, Miss E. Pell-Smith was a splendid representative for many years, and kept us well up to the mark. Members for Leicester knew all the ins and outs of the question, and I hope kept their pledges to support us in the House of Commons."

*From the Hedge.*—"Alas! I am one of those who sat on the hedge on the registration question during the gallant fight, but don't think I admire myself for it, quite the reverse. Perhaps it is not too late to help to make the Act a success."

(Far from it, if the Act is to be a success, every well-trained nurse must help to make it so.—ED.)

*Early Bird.*—"Where am I to apply for registration? I want to be one of the first on the list. It seems like a dream that State Registration has come at last. I can hardly believe it; a guinea seems a very small fee for such a privilege."

(All information on registration will be given in these columns. You cannot register until the General Nursing Council has been appointed, and the Rules have been approved by the Minister of Health.—ED.)

*One of the Rank and File.*—"I never shall forget being present in the House of Lords to hear the King's Assent given to the Nursing Acts, and to be seated on the "crimson benches," almost took my breath away. It was lovely of Lord Lincolnshire to let us be so greatly honoured. I agree with "One of the Old Guard," that the whole ceremony was most beautiful and imposing, and a young Lord Chancellor is quite in touch with the age. I hope now that our Bill is through that trained nurses will not altogether desert the Lobbies, as I for one feel I have learned a lot by coming into touch with so many politicians, from whom the nurses received so much courtesy and kindness throughout the months of agitation for State Registration."

(We are inclined to think that it is very difficult to be a thoroughly good citizen, or patriot, unless one is a conscientious politician.—ED.)

## OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS.

## QUESTIONS.

January 10th.—What nursing treatment and management are required for a case of infantile wasting?

January 17th.—An anastomosis has to be made between the stomach and jejunum. How would you prepare the patient for four days before the operation?

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