

Regretting that I have only lightly touched on this great question, where so much could be said, and with many thanks for inviting us to write, I remain,

Faithfully yours,
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QUEEN'S NURSES APPRECIATED IN THE HIGHLANDS.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—A long journey to a private case prevented me writing you *re* the question of Cottage Nurses being tacked on to our Scottish Register which was reported in that day's journal—*B.J.N.*, November 13th. Please accept warmest thanks for your plain statements on this subject at the meeting of the General Nursing Council of England and Wales—*B.J.N.*; November 20th.

I am writing to ask a trained nurse who is at present in Stornoway at her own home to give you first hand information as to whether the people want "cheap" nurses or Queen's Nurses there. After I returned from France I spent three months in the Island of Skye (my fourth visit) and at that time in the very district I was living in they were leaving no stone unturned to get a Queen's Nurse as soon as possible, as they were too far away from the nearest Queen's Nurse—just near enough for them to know what they were missing. There seemed to be no difficulty about the money and the nurse was to have extra comforts to make up for the kind of life she would have to live there.

As far as I know wherever they have had a Queen's Nurse in the Highlands they have had *no* trouble about the money—the difficulty has been to secure the trained nurse.

If V.A.D.'s are to assist Queen's Nurses, and Cottage Nurses to be tacked on to our Scottish Register, I do not see what earthly use there is in any trained nurse registering. What is the object? I consider our last state will be even worse than the chaotic condition of pre-war days.

If our General Nursing Council for Scotland grants a supplementary register for Cottage Nurses it can only be through inexcusable ignorance and one wonders which members of the Council are responsible for this. I am sending for several copies of *B.J.N.*, November 20th, to pass on to others.

I am, yours truly,
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KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

Miss Elsie Morris: "If our title 'Registered' is to be given to Cottage Nurses, then I, for one, shall not register, and I know many other certificated nurses who will refuse to do so. Glad our Council has turned down so outrageous a suggestion. Sickness must be prevented and sickness nursed. Our aim must be to help all nurses to obtain an efficient training and to be qualified

for registration. That will not be done by keeping to old inefficient systems defined by lay committees such as county nursing associations."

HOUNDING A DEFENCELESS WOMAN.

C.M.B.: "What reckless disregard of the ethics of journalism, hounding a defenceless woman worker as evidenced in the case of Miss MacCallum. The writer allowed his malignity to run away with his wits."

A.B.: "God bless the Lord Chief Justice. I hope, if ever he has the misfortune to be ill, I may nurse him. I will give him the best of nursing, and won't mind doing sixteen hours a day or more for him."

THE EDITOR RETURNS THANKS.

M. G. Wolverton.—"It's the great tonic of the week, is my *B.J.N.* A Health Visitor's life is a wee bit lonely, but being so near to London, I shall be availing myself of some of the interesting meetings mentioned in the Journal."

[Nothing helps a nurse to feel less lonely than to interest herself in the welfare of her colleagues, and her profession, to live a corporate life—

"There is a flower I wish to wear,
But not until first worn by you—
Heartsease—of all earth's flowers most rare;
Bring it; and bring enough for two."

Ed.]

Miss Alice M. Wackrill, Leamington Spa.—"After a longer delay than I expected the 'Journals' are now on their way. . . . In turning over these magazines I have been again struck by the very great value of the contents. For years, their coming was like the weekly visit of a friend; and I assure you that to part with them has been no pleasant duty, but just a stern necessity. It is, however, some little comfort to think that the very copies we so much appreciated may yet have a further career of usefulness."

[We feel sure the recipient of Miss Wackrill's file of Journals intends to place them where they will continue to spread the light.—Ed.]

Sister Dickson Robb, American Institute, Cacak, Serbia.—"Needless to say the weekly advent of the *B.J.N.* is a great joy to us, not only in that it savours of home, but keeps us so well informed in all things worth knowing in the nursing world."

OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS.

December 11th.—How would you administer a rectal saline (1) a single injection, and (2) continuous irrigation?

December 18th.—What do you know of chorea, its origin and treatment? What are the principal nursing points?

December 25th.—How is diphtheria spread? What are the special points to be observed in caring for a patient suffering from this disease?

We regret that we are unable to award a prize in connection with our prize competition this week, no paper of sufficient merit having been received.

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