

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.

THE WIDOWS AND GRAVES OF HEROES.
To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—There are two departments of Salvation Army Service, which, I believe, may be unknown to many of your readers who might be glad to take advantage of the facilities offered.

(a) For the convenience of relations wishing to visit the graves of their loved ones laid to rest in France and Belgium, a department has been opened under the direction of Mrs. Commissioner Higgins, which is prepared to assist in securing the location of the graves, to arrange the passports, issue the tickets from London to nearest railway station to the cemetery, meet passengers in London and at ports of embarkation and landing, and, if necessary, arrange motor transportation to cemetery.

The department has hostels in London, Boulogne, Calais, Arras, Ostend, Ypres, Amiens, Rouen and Havre. The rates are the cheapest possible—no profit is made.

Full information can be obtained from Mrs. Commissioner Higgins, International Headquarters, 101, Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C. 4.

(b) Lieut.-Colonel Ewens of the Widows' Counsellors Department at the same address, will be pleased to help, up to the limits of our power, any widow who is in difficulty irrespective of creed or circumstances. Amongst those who have already been helped are many war widows for whom pensions, increases and adjustments have been secured.

I am, yours sincerely,

THEO. H. KITCHING, *Commissioner.*
 101, Queen Victoria Street, E.C. 4.

FOR THE SAFETY OF THE SICK.
To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR EDITOR,—You may remember my writing to you in 1918 about the awful catastrophe to our hospital, which was destroyed by fire. We are rebuilding under very difficult circumstances, owing to the adverse rate of exchange, and the high rate of labour and building materials. The night of the fire the pressure of water was so low, the firemen could not get the water up to the flames. The outside buildings are now finished, but no fire insurance society will take over the buildings unless the water supply is sufficient, which it is not. The engineer of the Public Works Department has examined the pressure and says the water supply can be improved, but at the cost of £100. Also the electric station has been brought to Rainawari, and we do not want oil lamps again, after the awful experience of the drum of oil being upset and the lamp broken.

The laying on the electric light installation will cost £53 10s. 4d. If we can get this done in six months from April 1st the State will make us a free gift of the electric current. Could you, of your charity, make an appeal in the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING for donations from those who read your valuable journal, and as a thank-offering from them for having gained what you, and all right-minded nurses, have been labouring for, for so many, many years. The money could be sent to me through our Secretary, Church of England Zenana Mission Society, 27, Chancery Lane, London, W.C. stating that it is for the water and electric lighting at Rainawari Medical Mission, Srinagar, Kashmir. If readers of the B.J.N. can help ever so little we shall be grateful. The bedsteads for the hospital have arrived and the blankets are on their way, a free gift from Queen Mary's Needlework Guild. £150 is a large sum to ask for, but we feel sure it will come in some way.

Yours,

E. M. NEWMAN.

C.E.Z. Mission Dispensary,
 Rainawari, Srinagar, Kashmir, India.

KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.
NURSING AND HEALTH NOT PARTY QUESTIONS.

Miss Isabel McClymont, Lawmuir, N.B.—

"It seems advisable, now that the Registration Society has dissolved, that a Parliamentary Section be formed in one of the existing Societies or the Professional Union—a political wing often forms part of a trade union; already Miss MacCallum has been using persuasion in the lobbies with good result. Many of those from the old Society have strong T.U. sympathies, they might with their past experience develop a strong political wing by joining the Professional Union. Of course nurses must pay for their independence—the fact that they have formed a successful T.U. is proof that they realise this; but it behoves them to make the money go as far as possible and use existing societies and offices."

[The Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council will be, as the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses was, entirely free from Party politics, and trades unionism is associated with the Labour Party. Nursing is not, in our opinion, a Party question at all. It is the duty of every Party to promote the efficient nursing of the sick and the health of the people, and it will be the duty of the Council to instruct all political parties in this matter, so far as trained nurses are concerned, as the State Registration Society did so successfully on the Nurses' registration question.—ED.]

OUR PRIZE COMPETITION.

QUESTIONS.

July 24th.—State what you know of uræmia. To what are the symptoms due? What are the essential points in the management?

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