



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

(Notes, Queries, &c.)

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.

STEADFAST AND TRUE.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—If you can find space in your paper, I am anxious to ask all Members of the R.B.N.A. if it would not be well to let "Steadfast and True" come more to the front than it has, Steadfast, when in the front, never giving in one step to a foe, if the cause is a just one. But do not despise the rank and file behind, for if you fall, most likely they will trample you to death. Hold the colours firmly, well out of the mud, for others will have to carry them by-and-bye, and dirt sticks. Do not, I pray you, let your zeal take you along so fast that the old and weak will find it impossible to keep up with you. Allow yourselves time to turn round and help those who are stumbling at every step. As you lead, be true to them, help them to a place at your side, when they are able to bear the heat of the battle.

To those who are coming up. Do not hurry to get into the front row, there is more danger there. You have seen many drop already; you do not know that you could do any better. Be steadfast and true, keep close up to them; you may be wanted to take their places some day. At present they want all your help. And please do not talk all at once, because we cannot hear what anybody says. There is a lot of work to be done close at hand. Think of those who are left a long way behind, who can never get up to you. Yet they did their work, as far as they knew it, as well as you are doing yours. Can no place be found for them? Yes, I say, we must be true to them, as they have been true to others. Their sun is setting, and they feel the cold. To them I say, keep up as well as you can; if you are not against us, you are for us. The battle is not always to the strong.—Yours, &c.,

NOBODY.

WORKHOUSE NURSING.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record"

Dear Sir,—I cannot refrain from saying how very heartily I endorse all that is said about the need of trained Nursing in our workhouses. No one knows more about it than we Nurses. I feel as if I could personally thank the Bethnal Green Medical Superintendent for what he said. I should so much like to see the *Night* Nursing question well brought forward. Will Guardians ever see the need for it? Happily, some have done so. I think the whole of "July 2nd" ought to be in letters of gold. Please send another number of it, and oblige, yours truly,

CONSTANT READER.

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"Give a History of the Work and Progress of Nursing during the Present Century."

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2.—Manuscript must be written distinctly in ink and on one side of the paper only, upon not less than 24 nor more than 48 pages of ordinary-sized ruled sermon paper. The pages must be numbered and fastened together.

3.—The real and full name and address (stating whether Miss or Mrs., and notification of which Hospital or Institution the Competitor has been or is attached to.

4.—Trained Nurses or those personally associated with Nursing work only allowed to compete.

Winners in previous Competitions are permitted to compete, but in case of a "tie" the prize would be awarded to the Competitor who has not secured a prize before.

The decision of the Prize Essay Editor to be final, and any infringement of the above Rules will be considered a disqualification.

NOTICE.—The Prize Essay Editor will not undertake to return MSS. unless accompanied with a sufficiently stamped addressed envelope; and in no case will he be responsible for any loss of same during transmission, &c. In no case must manuscripts be rolled up when sent by post; they must be folded.

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POST-CARD EXAMINATIONS.

No. 24.

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"Define the terms oedema, cyanosis, ascites, syncope."

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Correspondents are requested to write on one side of the paper only, and give their real names and addresses, not necessarily as signatures to their letters, but as a guarantee of good faith. Unless this rule be strictly adhered to, no notice will be taken of such communications.

Communications from all parts of the country are cordially invited, and liberal arrangements are made for reprints of original articles, and for such illustrations as serve to increase their value of interest. Reports of Nursing Vacancies, Appointments, Meetings of Societies, &c., and Newspapers, &c., containing (marked) accounts of matters of local or personal interest or importance, will be gladly received. Correspondence upon all subjects associated with Nursing specially invited.

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