

## 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.*

## INFORMATION REQUIRED.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—One of my friends has lately come into possession of a medallion about which she would be grateful to have some information.

The medallion is in white metal. On one side is a representation of Florence Nightingale reading. To left and right of the figure is a design of leaves. On the reverse of the medallion is an oval, inside of which there is a cross surmounted by a crown. In the middle of the cross are the letters V.R.—and above are three stars. Around it is a wreath of laurel. Surrounding the oval are the words: "Blessed are the merciful," and underneath is a scroll inscribed "Crimea." Round the medallion is written: "As a mark of esteem and gratitude for her devotion to the Queen's brave soldiers."

Yours truly,  
"INTERESTED."

24, Pridmore Road, Coventry.

## QUEEN ELENA'S TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES, ROME.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—With regard to the article by Signorina Valenzano (who is not a trained nurse) on "Nursing Conditions in Italy," as read at the International Council of Trained Nurses at Copenhagen, and appearing in the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING on January 20th, 1923, We should like to observe that the information given of the principal Training School in Italy does not conform with the present facts, nor does it in any sense indicate the importance and scope of our work.

The Training School was started in 1910 under the high patronage of Her Majesty Queen Elena by our late President, Princess Doria, the Marchesa Maraini, who is now our President, the Professor Bastianelli, and others. Directed since the beginning by Miss Snell, our Matron, with the help of 18 English nurses, whose posts have gradually been filled by Italian nurses trained under these English Sisters, and who have obtained their certificates in this School.

The Night Sister is the only English-trained nurse now with us, all the rest being Italian.

In the Policlinico Umberto 1<sup>o</sup>, our School has charge of nine wards, with 300 beds in all; also of three operating theatres.

The nurses home has accommodation for from 80 to 90 nurses, and the School is considered the most important in Italy. Nor has our aim only been to turn out annually a number of efficient nurses who have received a full three years' training in a large general hospital, but to found other schools

on similar lines, thus consolidating the reform of nursing in Italy.

We hope shortly to start an Association of fully trained nurses.

We append a translation from an article in the *Giornale d'Italia*.

Signed—Sisters Ida Tognoni, Linda Barone, Laura Lagiacoona, Violentina Scarpecchi, Vittoria Antonaglia, Maria Chiastra, Egenia Arduini, Virginia Sartori, Luigia Somonelli, Gertrude Gerber, Maria Aajardini; Staff Nurses Maria Pierserguli, Lucia Guiliani, Colomba Mariotti, Esta di Fabio, Erina Merciai, Maria Pericoli, Rosanna Pambri, Eugenia Zuccoli.

[The fine pioneer work accomplished by the Scuola Convitto Regina Elena at Rome, under the superintendence of Miss Dorothy Snell, is well-known to our readers. We are delighted to hear that the nurses trained in this School intend to form an Association of thoroughly trained Italian Nurses. It will be a great step forward. We hope to insert the article sent at an early date.—Ed.]

## WHERE TO REGISTER.

Apply for Application Form to the Registrar:—  
ENGLAND AND WALES—12, York Gate, Regent's Park, London, N.W.

SCOTLAND—13, Melville Street, Edinburgh.

IRISH FREE STATE—33, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.

NORTHERN IRELAND—118, Great Victoria Street, Belfast.

Forms should be carefully filled in and the names given for references from persons who have agreed to supply them.

## NOTICE TO "EXISTING" NURSES.

Under the Nurses' Registration Acts it is provided that within two years after the date on which the Rules made under the provisions of the Act come into operation nurses engaged in practice before November 1st, 1919, who produce the evidence required under the Rules, may register without examination.

The last dates on which applications from Existing Nurses can be received are:—

England and Wales—July 14th, 1923.

Scotland—July 29th, 1923.

Irish Free State—March 31st, 1923.

## OUR PRIZE COMPETITION QUESTIONS.

March 24th.—What do you know of sleeping sickness, and the nursing points in caring for a case of this disease?

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