

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.

ADMISSION OF EXISTING NURSES TO THE STATE REGISTER.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I know you will do all you can to prevent further extension of Nurses being admitted to the State Register. Our one aim for State Registration was for Nurses fully trained and certificated. Why should we be classed with Nurses, or so-called Nurses, with no training?

Yours faithfully,

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THE HUMANE SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR EDITOR,—As a great lover of animals please accept my sincere gratitude to you for the excellent articles you have from time to time written on all sorts and kinds of cruelty to animals. Surely the splendid editorial of April 21st will have aroused the readers of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING to act upon your advice, viz., to write to their Members of Parliament begging them to support the Bill designed to promote the more humane slaughtering of animals killed for food. Some friends of mine as well as myself received very encouraging replies from members saying they were in sympathy and would do their utmost to get the Bill passed. Unfortunately, I hear there was not time last Friday for the Bill to get its second reading. I felt sorry and ashamed that you should have been disappointed because the readers of the B.J.N. had made no protest in its columns against the terrible acts of cruelty to animals we read of daily in the newspapers, and which fill me with the greatest indignation. Fines for such brutes are useless; nothing short of having their own skins hurt will make any impression upon them. Please continue to write on behalf of our dumb and helpless friends the animals.

Sincerely hoping you will be blessed with health and strength to carry on your many good works.

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

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[The Slaughtering of Animals Bill, introduced by Sir A. Shirley Benn in the House of Commons on Friday, 27th ult., was blocked by Major Molloy, the Unionist Member for Blackpool, but the Bill is again to come before the House—so please Lancashire nurses send a few postcards to the Major inviting him to raise the blockade. The truth is

that the power of the Jew is behind the opposition to the Bill. The Jewish method of slaughtering animals for food, *Shechita*, is an essential part of the Jewish religion; and meat from animals killed by any other method is prohibited to Jews.

This method consists in throwing the animal down, and then deliberately cutting its throat; a method involving a lingering death and much cruelty.

Sir Arthur's Bill is acknowledged by the Chief Rabbi, in *The Times* of Monday, to be a permissive one as far as *Shechita* is concerned, and would enable the Minister of Health for the time being to allow or prohibit it; but this does not satisfy Jews, and the Chief Rabbi demands full Statutory exemption of *Shechita* as a provision of the Bill itself, as he claims that legislation interfering with *Shechita* would inflict cruel hardships upon "hundreds of thousands of law-abiding citizens."

This letter gives much pause for thought. We, the British people, are year by year becoming more and more subjected to the government and control of wealthy Jews in high places; and it is rapidly becoming a serious question if persons of alien races and religion—who cannot conform to progressive and humane legislation—can claim to be "law abiding citizens." We doubt it. We British nurses have not forgotten that it was a Jew who blocked our Registration Bill year after year in the House of Commons; and another Jew, who as Minister of Health, had the effrontery to threaten to have our Registration Act annulled, because we objected to the illegal conduct of its business by his Department. Surely, we are not going to permit obsolete religious tenets to prevent civilised legislation in the treatment of animals by aliens in our own country! If so, the pertinent question may be asked: Who rules England—the Briton or the Jew?—ED.]

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR EDITOR,—Thank you for your article in the B.J.N. about slight punishment for cruelty to animals.

It is extraordinary to think that people can torture helpless creatures to death and then be fined a pound or two only!

It has been made public in the newspapers lately, so we hope that the law will be made more strict.

Yours truly,

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THE TIME IS SHORT.

The General Nursing Council for England and Wales reminds Nurses that every person who desires to be Registered as an Existing Nurse must apply before July 14th, 1923, after which date no application can be entertained.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITION QUESTIONS

May 19th.—Describe a fifth type of nurse, as known to many a sufferer. (See article, "Four Types," on page 278).

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