

## 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.*

## APPRECIATION OF THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING—A LIFE-LONG FRIEND.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR EDITOR,—“Regret” by no means expressed my feelings on reading your Editorial in the B.J.N. to-day. At first I felt I was losing a lifelong friend, for I have looked forward to reading it every week for 30 years, whether at home or abroad, and nurses wherever I have been have always been anxious to borrow it. On second thoughts my regret gives place to optimism, for I know that so long as you and Miss Breay can put pen to paper you will defend “right” against “might,” that the true interests of the Nursing Profession will be in safe keeping, and that we shall be kept informed, monthly, on all important subjects, progress or otherwise. The great work of the B.J.N. was accomplished on December 23rd, 1919, a never-to-be-forgotten date. Now we must look to the coming generation of nurses to carry on the great work of organisation, which no one but you would ever have attempted or accomplished. Let us hope some of them will come forward to take the places of those who have “done their bit.” Thanking you and Miss Breay most heartily for all you have done and for what you will continue to do,

Yours cordially and gratefully,  
JULIA HURLSTON, S.R.N.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I am very sorry indeed about the demise of the weekly B.J.N.; it seemed a friend. Living and working alone as I have done for many years I depended upon it to keep me up in the doings of nurses.

Through the B.J.N. I heard of the “Society for State Registration,” and joined.

Through the B.J.N. I heard of the nurses’ Congresses at London, Paris, Cologne, and Dublin, which I had the opportunity and pleasure of attending, not as a delegate—I had not that honour—but just as an unimportant private member. But I appreciated the benefit of seeing and hearing, and also of speaking to, the best in our profession, all of which I owed to the B.J.N.

Therefore, Madam, I wish to say “Thank you,” for what you have done and wish you all success in the new B.J.N. We can’t do without it yet.

Believe me to be, Dear Madam,

Yours sincerely,

AGNES L. ROSS, S.R.N.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

MY DEAR EDITOR,—I can’t tell you how desperately sorry I was to read yesterday’s Editorial and to see that we are to only have the B.J. monthly. I think it will be a tremendous loss to the profession. I, personally, have read it every week without fail for 25 years, and owe to it and its Editor all my education in Nursing questions, What are we going to do without it? Many of us will feel we have lost a personal friend. I know I shall.

The only thing now is to console ourselves that “half a loaf is better than no bread.”

With affectionate regard,

Yours very sincerely,

KATHLEEN A. SMITH, S.R.N.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING,

DEAR EDITOR,—I, as a very recent subscriber to THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, am very sorry to hear that the Journal is to be discontinued weekly, and can say that it is a real help to me in all ways. I eagerly look for the 9.30 p.m. post, Thursday evening, for my copy.

At present it is my only means of communication with the nursing world, and I shall look forward with a great longing to the monthly edition. Hoping we shall still have your kind and thoughtful eyes on the interests of us all who are too old at 40 to take a post permanently.

With kind regards, wishing you “A very happy and peaceful Christmas and all prosperity in the coming year.”

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

HELENA A. DERRICK, S.R.N.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—As there is to be a change in the publication of the B.J.N., I should like to take this opportunity of stating how much I enjoy reading my weekly copy, especially interesting do I find the editorials, articles on nursing treatment, book reviews, and occasional papers on private nursing from various points of view.

I do hope that there will be no hindrance in the issuing of the monthly Journal, and wish it every success.

Please allow me to express my appreciation of your work and ardent devotion to the Profession for so many years.

Yours faithfully,

BESSIE BREDEN (Reg. No. 49).

## DEVOTION TO THE SICK.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I notice that the Dublin police are organising a testimonial to two nurses and two constables who volunteered to give their blood when it was thought well to use transfusion in an effort to save the life of an ex-constable. The offer of Nurse Hargadon, of Dr. Steevens’ Hospital,

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