

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.

TRUTH, HONOUR AND JUSTICE.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—We, the undersigned, desire to express our deep regret at the passing of the *B.J.N.* as a weekly publication, and earnestly hope you will get the necessary number of subscribers to carry it on as a monthly organ, for now more than ever before, we realise the need of it and all it stands for. Like many others, we have looked to its pages for guidance, and have found there truth, honour, and the highest ideals, and always you have stood for justice for the trained nurse. We beg to thank you and Miss Breay for the great services you have rendered to the profession through many long years, and we will continue to warmly support the *B.J.N.* in whatever form it appears.

With warmest good wishes for Christmas and New Year,

We are, sincerely yours,

EMILY DINNIE.

SARAH G. LIDYARD.

KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

Mildred Heather-Bigg, S.R.N.—"What a loss to the Nursing World the withdrawal of the weekly issue of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING! Anyway, I rejoice that our interests will continue to be voiced in the monthly issue. For over thirty years, the JOURNAL has been the one reliable organ on all nursing subjects. I shall miss it more than I can say in writing. Accept my warmest appreciation of all your work on behalf of the Nursing World; but for you there would never have been the State Registration Acts."

C. C. du Sautoy, S.R.N.—"I do think it is wonderful how you have kept the *B.J.N.* going for all these years, but thirty years of work has at last borne fruit. There would have been no State Registration except for your work all these years. The future generation of nurses will realise this even if the present does not."

Elizabeth Thompson, S.R.N.—"I am only too thankful that we can still look forward to the monthly issue of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, for losing it altogether would indeed be a blow to those of us who, through the greater part of our nursing lives, have always looked up to and depended on the teaching and support of all that stands for, the dignity and rectitude of the nursing profession. Such earnest work must bear fruit in the days to come, as it is so powerfully shown in the present evolution of nursing. I am sure all the readers of the JOURNAL will agree that we are still greatly in need of the inspiration which we have had for so long."

M. C. Kennedy.—"I shall greatly miss my weekly number of the *B.J.N.* There is nothing

that can take its place, but I am glad that it is to be continued in a monthly form."

G. Le Geyt, S.R.N.—"Most grateful thanks for not throwing over altogether the Nursing Profession and for promising us at least, once a month, one of the Editor's inspiring 'leaders.' It seems to me life is a series of adjustments and facing 1924 without a weekly *B.J.N.* will not be one of the easiest I shall have to make. You have always been such a good friend and counsellor to me personally; without your encouragement I fear I might never have attempted to do what little I have taken part in. With very genuine sincerity I send my thanks for your offer to continue the Journal if 5,000 respond."

Florence Hoddinott, S.R.N.—"May I add my word of appreciation to the rest, and say how much the JOURNAL has meant to me. I think, as an old 'Gordon House' nurse, it seems to have a very personal bond, and reminds me of all the teaching in high nursing ideals I had there from you and dear Sister Cartwright. Whatever else I might have to give up may it never be my subscription, which I enclose herewith."

C. Firth Scott.—"The *B.J.N.* has been a weekly treat to me since 1909, and I have always sent my copies on to others."

Charlotte Okell.—"I am still in bed, and have been for 14 weeks, and forbidden to write letters or see anyone, but I must send you a line to say whatever change is made in the *B.J.N.* I wish still to take it. I have been a subscriber from the beginning. With many others I am most indignant and disgusted with the manner in which you have been treated."

Amy C. Wilson.—"If anything was needed to convince me (which it is not) of the incalculable value of a free Voice in the Professional Press for nurses, the incredible conduct of the late Chairman of, and the College Caucus on, the General Nursing Council to crush it out, would convince one. I am not registered and decline absolutely to place my professional reputation at the mercy of such people. Let the *B.J.N.* continue to claim the right of the nursing profession to govern itself, as all other professions and trades do. I agree with 'Marion V. Lee' we must all work for more subscribers to *our* JOURNAL, or, as she writes, 'sink lower and lower.'"

[We have to thank many other readers for very kind expressions of appreciation of the Journal's work for the Profession of Nursing. Without a professional voice in the Press—which our colleagues possess all over the world—we must sink into a dependent and hopeless class, and our work must deteriorate in body, soul, and spirit.—ED.]

OUR PRIZE COMPETITION QUESTIONS.

December 29th.—Enumerate some of the excuses advanced for premature weaning of infants. How would you meet them? What method of weaning would you advise a mother to adopt at the normal time?

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