

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.

GRATITUDE FOR PAST WORK.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

To MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK AND MISS BREAY,—

In this, the first monthly number of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, I should like to record our deep gratitude to the Hon. Editor and Hon. Sub-Editor, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick and Miss M. Breay, for the splendid work they have done for our profession.

Few readers of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING realise the enormous amount of work entailed in the editing of a paper. Week after week for all those years, these two friends of ours have been busy collecting news from all over the world, writing editorials, reading and arranging articles for publication, &c., besides dealing with a mass of correspondence, watching the Press, and always fighting our battles for a proper professional status. It would take too long to enumerate all they have done for us, we can only tender our hearty thanks to them for their untiring and unending labours on our behalf. We are not losing them altogether, but personally I greatly regret the loss of the weekly budget of nursing news, the reading of it was an education as well as a great pleasure.

We wish Mrs. Bedford Fenwick and Miss Breay all happiness in the New Year, as well as good luck and success to the monthly issue of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

A. CARSON RAE, R.G.N.

COLLEGE OF NURSING ENDOWMENT FUND.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I shall be obliged if you will insert a few lines for me to protest against the degrading circular sent out by the College of Nursing, Ltd. One question only I will ask, what are the Matrons on the General Nursing Council who are worthy Members of the College Council going to do? Sit still, as usual, I suppose, and allow our beloved profession to lose all dignity. The College, Ltd., has done infinite harm already with its flag days, and beggings. I wish the nurses would wake up and manage their own affairs. ALICE CATTELL, S.R.N., M.R.B.N.A.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

MADAM,—I showed the leaflet which the College of Nursing is sending round to its members (a part of which you published in your last issue), to a University man, asking him what would happen if his College sent out such a document to graduates and undergraduates. He handed it back to me with the remark, "They'd get it in the neck, and I should be sorry for the fellows who wore the key. Why do you allow them to do it?" The sting is in the tail! Why do nurses allow the College to degrade them in this manner?

It is yet to be seen how many will be so wanting in self-respect as to collect the money and wear the key, and it is too much to hope that the College will "get it in the neck," as so many nurses allow themselves to be treated as serfs, and

"What can ennoble sots or slaves or cowards,
Alas! not all the blood of all the Howards."

But I do suggest that members of the Profession who have any self-respect left, should accost a nurse wearing this "key," whether they know her or not, and tell her that they consider she has disgraced her cloth.

Yours faithfully,

MAUDE MACCALLUM, S.R.N.,

Hon. Secretary Professional
Union of Trained Nurses.

KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

SUBSCRIBE DIRECT.

—*Marion F. Foster.*—"What a blank was last Friday! No B.J.N. I am longing for the 19th inst. What a scramble there will be for it!"

[Why not order a second copy?—Ed.]

—*Constant Reader.*—"I note that the management of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING would like those who take it to subscribe direct through the office so that the full value of the subscription may be available without deductions. That seems good business and I have sent in my form, and two of my friends have done the same. I hope many others will follow suit."

LENGTHENED TRAINING OVERDUE.

—*Certified Midwife.*—"I saw the notice in the last issue of the JOURNAL that the new Rules of the Central Midwives' Board were to be published on January 1st and obtained a copy. I am disappointed that they do not notify a lengthening of the training, which I eagerly looked for at once. It is overdue.

"I think that nurses who are not midwives would do well to obtain the Rules, which only cost 6d. or 7½d. post free, from Messrs. Spottiswoode, Ballantyne & Co., Ltd., 1, New Street Square, E.C., for the sake of the simple and clear instruction, incorporated in the leaflets, drawn up by the Chairman of the Board, on ophthalmia neonatorum, gonorrhoea, syphilis, cancer of the womb, and cancer of the breast. Every nurse should master the information contained in them."

REGISTRATION OF INTERMEDIATE NURSES.

The only Nurses who are now eligible for registration are what are termed Intermediate Nurses—those who have completed their three years' training and been awarded a Certificate since November 1st, 1919. The term of two years' grace for Existing Nurses has terminated.

WHERE TO REGISTER.

Apply for Application Form to the Registrar:—

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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.

The February number of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING will be issued on February 1st.

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