

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.

PROTECTING AND UPLIFTING POWER.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR EDITOR,—As a veteran nurse I should like to express the deep joy I felt on reading in our May JOURNAL the astounding news of a "British College of Nurses" being gifted by an anonymous donor: whoever the donor may be I think a wave of gratitude must have reached him or her from the multitude of British nurses who have long worked and hoped for some such governing power but were almost in despair of attainment. The protecting and uplifting power of such an Institution is beyond words.

It has been so wonderfully thought out and planned; practically presenting us with an organised system; nothing wanting but a whole-hearted support from the nurses, which a keen appreciation of its benefits is sure to bring.

Dare I express one more hope, which is that a Royal Charter may soon be added?

Sincerely Yours,

17, Woodburn Terrace, Morningside, Edinburgh. REBECCA STRONG.

INCREDIBLE GOOD FORTUNE.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—The incredible good fortune mentioned in your Journal for May reads like a fairy tale! After all the years of struggle for self-government, to think that one generous unknown donor, by the stroke of a pen, should bring our dreams to realization, it is truly wonderful and fairy like. We know of no words that can convey the deep gratitude we feel. So many opportunities now open before us, to carry out the ideals for which we have always worked.

First and foremost the great advantage of an Institution to be worked from within and by the Members of our own profession is incalculable, it will cultivate a spirit of self-help and independence, at the same time the subjects governed by the laws they have framed for themselves are held more responsible by the *noblesse oblige* of their professional ethics, and may we not hope more highly educated women will be attracted to our ranks to carry on the best traditions of our glorious work, surely there was never a time when high thinking and its attendant achievement was more needed than to-day.

I am, &c.,

Elpis, Lower Mount Street, Dublin. MARGARET HUXLEY.

THE MOST SPLENDID BIT OF NEWS AND A REAL JOY.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR EDITOR,—May I offer you and all those who have worked so long and so faithfully for the welfare of the Nursing Profession my warmest congratulations on the wonderful gift which will make the realization of your hopes possible. I was privileged to work some years in close contact with the body of women to whom we owe those great possessions, the world-wide International Council of Nurses, and State Registration. In good fortune and in ill-fortune the courage, steadfastness, loyalty and uprightness of this band of pioneers never failed. And now another of their fine conceptions—a College of Nurses—will materialize. And the nursing profession will rally to the standard of

the leaders who have achieved so much and remained so true.

It is the most splendid bit of news and a real joy.

Yours faithfully,

The Grange, Kingston, Taunton. E. L. C. EDEN, Late Hon. Sec. N.U.T.N.

BUILD A FAIR EDIFICE.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR EDITOR,—How rarely dreams come true! The munificent endowment of a British College of Nurses was a dream indeed to most of us, and when first I heard the good news, I could scarcely believe it could become fact. Since the passing of the Registration Acts, it has been brought home to me that to become registered is only to lay the foundation of a profession, the British College of Nurses will build a fair edifice upon it.

We have longed for Self-government; for opportunity to improve through education, and here it is granted to us—Self-government will encourage Self-respect, and financial security will make possible educational advances, which up to now have been out of the reach of Trained Nurses. Various Authorities who employ Nurses will have a guide in selecting those who are suitable for positions of authority and responsibility. Those who intend to work for such posts will be able to qualify themselves by post-graduate courses, and in obtaining the Diploma of the College will have the reward of their efforts. Many Nurses I know are joining with me in their longing to express their gratitude to our unknown benefactor who is placing these wonderful advantages within our grasp.

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

H. L. PEARSE.

SPLENDID NEWS.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK,

Many thanks for the marked copy of the B.J.N.

Please accept my hearty congratulations on your splendid news.

Sincerely Yours,

House of Commons. RICHARD BARNETT.

WITH KINDEST AND JOYOUS FEELINGS.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR EDITOR,

Our heartiest congratulations. This morning we received the B.J.N. of May and your good letter. We enjoy so very much the beautiful news for our British comrades. We, of course, translate the editorial article for our paper, but first we put your letter, telling the news in our paper of June 6th, the day of our Annual Meeting, where reference to it will be made by Miss Kehrer, President of our National Council of Nurses for Holland. Your success may be of great help for us. With kindest and joyous feelings of all of us.

Yours Most Sincerely,

M. VERWEY MEJAN.

Nosokomos, Holland.

THE FULNESS OF TIME.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

MY DEAR EDITOR,—When I came in this evening I read the thrilling news in the JOURNAL. I am eager to be one of the first to send you my warmest congratulations. How lovely to think that your long years of wonderful service have been at last fittingly crowned by such opportunity. . . . It seems like a fairy tale, too good to be true, but our Father

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