

## 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.*

## MRS. STRONG'S PRIZE.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR EDITOR,—It was a very great pleasure to me to find that I was the winner of Mrs. Strong's prize.

Mrs. Strong wrote me a most gracious letter of congratulation and appreciation. I enclose the receipt for the cheque for prize, which I have just received, with warmest wishes for our College.

I am,

Very sincerely yours,

AMY PHIPPS.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I have much pleasure in acknowledging the Consolation Prize so kindly awarded to me, and enclose the receipt. With very many thanks.

Yours faithfully,

SILVIA VIAN.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR EDITOR,—I must thank you for the Consolation Prize and the kind appreciation it suggests.

I wasn't too sure of my Paper, and therefore am all the better pleased that you thought my effort was worth a prize. With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Yours very sincerely,

THERESA McGRATH.

## A DEGRADED REGISTER.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

MADAM,—“State Registered Nurse” in the Correspondence Column of the December JOURNAL says she is surprised and shocked to learn that an insurance society thinks thefts by nurses a danger to be insured against. But why should she?

Is there not already the name of one proved guilty of theft on the Register for England and Wales?

In the same number of the JOURNAL appears the case of a nurse who robbed her dead patient. Is it presumable that the tender-hearted (or is it feeble-kneed?) G.N.C. will pat her on the back and retain her name also?

Yours faithfully,

E. HORTON.

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Glasgow.

[Now that the Nursing Profession has a Protection Society in connection with the British College of Nurses any further degradation of the Register of Nurses by retaining the names of thieves upon it will be most determinedly contested. Our correspondent will see on page 19 of this issue that the General Nursing Council for England and Wales found a *prima facie* case for the removal of the name of the nurse who robbed her dead patient, and decided to cite her to appear before the next meeting of the Council.—Ed.]

## OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR EDITOR.—I was much interested in an article written by Miss Violetta Thurstan, F.B.C.N., which appeared in your JOURNAL for November.

Would you be kind enough to forward the enclosed letter to Miss Thurstan?

I myself have trained in U.S.A. at a school for Occupational Therapy, and afterwards worked in an Orthopædic Hospital there, where I had charge of the Occupational Work in the men's ward. I am most anxious to start such work over here, where I live, and am trying to get in touch with people interested.

Yours truly,

MARY COLLET.

St. Clere, Kemsing, Sevenoaks.

## KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

THE B.J.N.

*Miss C. F. Mitchell, Stirling, writes* :—“It is a great boon to have a nurses' magazine like THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING. The print, the paper, help also to make it a pleasure to read.”

*A. Murray, Nottingham, writes* :—“I have read the B.J.N. for twenty years, and hope to do so as long as I live. The Nursing profession will, I hope, realise more and more how invaluable it is in keeping high ethics and wide international interests to the fore. I consider the B.J.N. has been the greatest factor in the world in encouraging trained Nurses to face and overcome their difficulties. It won for us State Registration and secured for us a standard of education. I hope some day to come and see at 39, Portland Place, the offices from which it is issued, and the 'complete file' donated by our untiring Editor to the College of Nurses. It is a gift demonstrating monumental effort, to be valued by future nurses, more perhaps than by those of this age, so misled and indifferent as so many of them are. I read every word from cover to cover.”

*A Fellow in China writes* :—“I loved my B.J.N. at home, now I am far from dear old England I love it all the more. When I am downhearted it braces me up—‘Not for gain, not for gain, but give, give, give,’ that is the refrain of its song—and really following its teaching does make one happy.”

*Miss Blanche Wright writes* :—“Your charming appreciation of the Home has given me great pleasure. You have ticked off exactly the aim we have always had in view—to have as little institution as is possible. It is very gratifying that an expert eye should have noted this and a clever journalist should have put it into such gracious phraseology. I am sending a copy of the JOURNAL to my brother in America and to several of my personal friends. Please accept my very grateful thanks.”

[This justly appreciated article was contributed by Miss Isabel Macdonald, to whom thanks are due.—Ed.]

## NOTICE.

In response to various enquiries as to where a photograph of the President of the British College of Nurses may be procured, we have pleasure in announcing that a photograph similar to the portrait which appears on page 5 of this issue can be obtained from the Secretary, B.C.N., 39, Portland Place, London, W.1. Price 3s.

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## PRIZE COMPETITION FOR FEBRUARY.

How would you nurse a case of Hemiplegia? What changes would you report to the doctor?

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