

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

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THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.
370, Seventh Avenue, New York,
June 18th, 1929.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President,
National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

DEAR MRS. FENWICK,—We are all so very sorry indeed to hear that your illness is still continuing, and that you are not allowed to be with us in Montreal. We needed you to help in our work and deliberations, as well as to help us celebrate our thirtieth anniversary. May you be quickly restored to health with continued rest.

We shall, of course, welcome Miss Breay not only for herself, but as your representative. We need all the founder members with us who can possibly be present, and shall depend upon them to keep us true to the spirit of our founders.

Personally, may I add my deep regret at not seeing you this summer. We wish the Italian trip had not had such dire results.

Very sincerely,
NINA D. GAGE, President.

OLD LINEN AND BANDAGES NEEDED.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR EDITOR,—I should be very grateful if it would be possible to publish in the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING an appeal for old linen of any sort, and bandages, for a little girl with skin disease. Crepe bandages are particularly useful.

This case is personally known to me and is a particularly needy one.

I should be very glad if any Fellow or Member of the B.C.N. can send unwanted dressings to me at this address.

Yours truly,

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KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

A faithful Irish Reader writes: "I have been a subscriber to the B.J.N. for a quarter of a century, and do hope we shall meet 'little Professor Poke-nose' again. When in 1911, 'Little Cuckoo-Flower,' and 'The Seventeenth Marchioness of Riviere' appeared in the B.J.N., I wrote you how a literary coterie in Dublin highly appraised them and how we longed for more. Since which time, alas! you have not apparently dived into that tin box in which such valuable matter was hidden away. May I congratulate you on 'Bonnetts of Memory.'"

"The announcement that together you and Miss Breay are compiling the history of the International Council of Nurses is good news, but what I should like would be a record of Nursing affairs in the light and airy style of 'Bonnetts'; sometimes as one grows older one enjoys a sprightly record of affairs—it may be 'Grandmother's Cuckoo,' but surely nursing literature is more stodgy than it used to be."

A Fellow B.C.N. writes, "I think the Coaching Classes for Nurses who have failed to pass their G.N.C. Exams. for State Registration, one of the best bits of work our College has undertaken. I know more than one nurse who is failing to get a remunerative post because she is not registered—and one quite heartbroken because she did not register in the time of grace."

An Australian Fellow writes: "May I express my pleasure in belonging to a British College of Nurses; for us Australians to have such a lovely centre in London is indeed a privilege, and evidently the College is out to make us feel at home."

Miss Irene Thomas writes: "I read with the greatest interest the review of the Life of St. Camillus de Lellis in the last issue of our Journal. I have always supposed that the Order of St. John of Jerusalem was in the enviable position of having a patron saint, the members of the British Red Cross Society has none. Thanks to the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING I now know better."

An American Nurse in London writes: I have seen two wonderful sights in the streets of London recently which I would not have missed for worlds. One, the extraordinary funeral of General Booth, so full of feeling; and two, the return of your King to London after his long and serious illness. Nothing could have been more inspired by the heart than both these wonderful spectacles. The British people evidently adore the Monarchy, and indeed, it is not surprising when one realises how it stands for splendid traditions, and for all that is charitable and sincere in the life of the nation."

A Sister Tutor writes: "I was handed a leaflet recently and was surprised to find that the British College of Nurses had from its inception upheld the highest nursing standards, as here we had been informed it admitted *untrained* nurses to membership. This seems a very wrong, and unfair report which I am contradicting."

[We thank our Correspondent. Certificated nurses of three years' hospital training and registered by the General Nursing Councils, and nurses trained and registered in the Dominions upon reciprocal terms, have from its inception been the standard of the B.C.N. In the future, when the term of grace terminates, the standard may be raised to include extra qualifications.—ED.]

A PRIVATE NURSES' LEAGUE.

Private Nurse writes: "It is most kind of Miss Isabel Macdonald to interest herself in forming a League of Private Nurses. I only hope my colleagues will rise to it. We do seem such a dead alive section of the Nursing world, but living in boxes is very tiring and demoralising. We need to link up more with our colleagues in other branches of nursing, and I wish the new League every success."

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