

## 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.*

## AN ABIDING MEMORY.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK,—Will you permit me to express through the official organ of the Royal British Nurses' Association, the British College of Nurses, and the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, my sincere thanks for the delightful Dinner given to me on November 2nd at 194, Queen's Gate, on my retirement from the position of Superintendent of School Nurses under the London County Council.

It was a special pleasure to me that you, as the Founder of these Associations, should occupy the Chair on this occasion, and I was greatly gratified by the kind way in which you spoke of my official and professional life.

I am very happy to enter on my retirement with the consciousness of the support of so many friends, expressed in so charming a manner, from whom I feel nothing can ever part me.

May I also express to Miss Isabel Macdonald my appreciation of the perfection of the arrangements of the Dinner which must have entailed much trouble upon her, to Mrs. John Temple for her gift of champagne which added greatly to its enjoyment, and to Miss Beatrice Treasure for the profusion of lovely flowers with which the tables were decorated, the beauty of which will be an abiding memory with me.

Believe me to remain, as I always have been,

Your faithful admirer and follower,

HELEN L. PEARSE.

## A MOST DELIGHTFUL PARTY.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

MADAM,—Through the medium of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, my colleagues and I would like to convey to Miss Macdonald and Miss Graham, our warmest thanks for the dance which they gave at 194, Queen's Gate, on November 23rd, to Fellows and Members of the British College of Nurses.

It was one of the most pleasant and sociable evenings we have ever spent.

We were assured of partners, and the assurance was fully justified as the "Wallflowers" were entirely of the opposite sex! It was a treat to see the kilt worn by one of the Scottish visitors, which made quite a dash of colour, when compared with the formal evening dress of the other gentlemen. This was not only greatly appreciated by his fellow countrymen, but seemed to have quite a tonic effect upon the rest of the assembly.

Excellent music coupled with lavish attention to the "inner" as well as the "outer man" contributed to the success of a memorable dance, which was honoured by the presence of "the Nurses' Champion" in the late House of Commons, Major Sir Richard Barnett.

Yours faithfully,

E. MACINTYRE.

Fulham Hospital,  
Hammersmith.

## A DAY OF BEAUTIFUL MELODY.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM.—I do not know where I have enjoyed an article so much as "A Day of Beautiful Melody," which appeared in the November number of the B.J.N. It was very interesting and most realistic in the description of the

beautiful Embley Park, the surroundings must have been gorgeous, and it gave me the feeling of being one of the happy members of the party and together with them I saw the home of Miss F. Nightingale, the view from her window, the garden and walks in which she wandered thinking of her own noble thoughts, I could also feel the kindly and gracious manner of the owner of the house who did so much to make the visit a perfect one, also my mind revelled in the vivid description of the journey with its ever changing wayside scenes, and my whole self for a precious space rested in the intangible spirit of brooding leisure which it invoked.

In this era of noise and hurry my memory will sometimes recall its spell and I would just like to say "Thank you most heartily to the two writers who tandem like have given us this vision of beautiful things as from the pen of one, making a melody over all. Hoping this is only one of many appreciative letters.

I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

M. E. NASH.

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Lower Green, Pembury,

Nr. Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

## KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

*Registered Nurse* writes:—"May I be permitted to make a practical suggestion to our timorous G.N.C.? 'The Register of Nurses' now contains six parts—The General, Male, Mental, Fever, Children's, and Mental Defective parts. Why not add a seventh, to be called 'the Criminals' Part'? Such an arrangement would at least dissociate decent nurses from the felons with whom we are at present associated."

"A. M." writes:—"I read last month's editorial with thankfulness. What can we Registered Nurses do to dissociate ourselves from the criminals, with whom we are classed by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales? Surely we shall not be driven to remove our names from the State Register to keep from association with thieves and dipsomaniacs?"

[We do not advise reputable nurses to remove their names from the State Register—but to give wide publicity to their indignation at the indignity to which they are subjected by association with felons.—ED.]

## NOTICE.

Members of National Councils of Nurses affiliated to the International Council of Nurses, and others visiting London from abroad, are invited to visit the British College of Nurses, 39, Portland Place, W., when the Secretary will be pleased to show them the College and to explain its objects. Office hours, 10—5 p.m.; Saturdays, 10—1 p.m.

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## PRIZE COMPETITION FOR JANUARY, 1930.

What do you understand by the terms "suppression" and "retention" of urine? Under what circumstances may these complications occur? Mention what nursing measures may be ordered in their treatment and describe their application.

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