

## 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.*

## LECTURES AT THE B.C.N. A TREMENDOUS HELP.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I am writing to express my appreciation of the excellent series of lectures that are held at the British College of Nurses from time to time.

They cover such a wide range of Nursing subjects that in whatever branch of nursing one is engaged, one is able to select the series which is likely to be most helpful.

Myself, being engaged in public health nursing, I selected the two courses which I thought would help me most, i.e., "Psychology" and the lectures on "Encephalitis Lethargica." Both courses I found a tremendous help; my only regret with regard to the latter was that the course seemed all too short for such an interesting subject.

The College too, is particularly fortunate in its choice of such able lecturers who make the subject so interesting that the students' enthusiasm is thoroughly roused.

I only wish that every member of the College could avail herself of these facilities to add to her knowledge. The best way to keep fit and to be of the greatest help to others, is, in my opinion, to go on learning all the time.

Yours sincerely,

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## A SIMPLE BUT SUCCESSFUL METHOD.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—Having recently observed accounts in the Press of fatal accidents to children who have pushed their heads through the bars of their cots, and, in one instance, of a child being strangled with restraining straps, I think it may be of interest to Matrons of hospitals and nursing homes, and others in charge of young children, to hear of my own successful method for preventing the possibility of such a tragedy.

In cold weather, I always put a young child into a sleeping bag coming well up under the arms, and fastened to the nightgown with a safety pin in front; and, with a large button hole on either side, I fasten it on to a linen button attached to the draw sheet. This, while allowing plenty of freedom for movement, precludes all possibility of the child passing his head through the bars of the cot.

Yours faithfully,

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## A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—In reference to the paragraph concerning the Central Midwives' Board (Irish Free State) representation, which was forwarded to you on January 1st, I have been requested by the Hon. Secretary of the Irish Guild of Catholic Nurses to correct an impression wrongly suggested by a phrase in the paragraph supplied. In it we mentioned the Irish Nurses' Union as "the only organisation representing Midwives as well as general trained Nurses in the Irish Free State."

I regret having overlooked the fact that the Irish Guild of Catholic Nurses is open to nurses of all branches of the profession, and I am now informed that many of its pioneer members are midwives.

With apologies for the mistake,

I am, Yours faithfully,

K. N. PRICE, *Secretary.*

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## KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

Miss Jane Maccready, S.R.N., M.B.C.N., Ballard Hospital, Jaunpud, N.P., India, writes:—"The Journal is always interesting, but I think the issues of October and November are specially so. I have so enjoyed them in this out of the way spot. The illustrations, too, are very fine.

"The Tuberculosis Conference at Rome must have been very inspiring, and I trust it will be fruitful."

Miss Mary Walker, S.R.N., The Hawthornes, Malvern, writes, in sending her subscription to THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING for the coming year:—"I hope to be able to continue it for some years yet, as it comes month by month like an old friend."

A Superintendent of a London Nursing Home writes:—"I see that THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING is, as usual, on the alert. Nowhere else have I seen the proposed By-Laws of the London County Council for our government under the Nursing Homes Registration Act, 1927. You think rightly, I believe, that 'many experienced professional Nurses will give up the Homes which they have to the great advantage of the public organised and managed' if these By-Laws come into force unaltered."

## IMPORTANT NOTICE.

MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES AT MONTREAL.

The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain has decided to advise those of its members who propose to attend the International Congress of Nurses at Montreal, in July, 1929, to travel by the s.s. *Alaunia* (Cunard Line), which, by special arrangement, will leave Southampton and Cherbourg on June 28th, and is due to arrive at Montreal at 2 a.m. on Sunday, July 7th.

There are two classes on this boat:—

1. CABIN.

2. TOURIST THIRD.

The return fare will be:—

1. For cabin passengers, £60.

2. For tourist third passengers, £38. This is a new class, which is well recommended by those who have had personal experience of the arrangements.

Members of the National Council of Nurses who travel to Montreal by this boat will be at liberty to make independent arrangements as to the return journey.

The arrangements for the voyage are in the hands of Mr. Harper, Ocean Travel Department, Thomas Cook & Son, Berkeley Street, Piccadilly, London, W., and it is desirable to get into touch with him as soon as possible, so as to have the best choice of berths.

The International Officers and the four official Delegates of the National Council of Nurses will have to leave England a week earlier to be in time to attend the Business Meetings. The *Ascania*, which leaves Southampton on June 21st, is a convenient boat.

Those who desire to embark at Liverpool may find convenient the ss. *Duchess of Richmond* (Canadian Pacific Line), leaving Liverpool, June 28th; Glasgow, June 29th; and due to arrive at Montreal on Saturday, July 6th.

## PRIZE COMPETITION QUESTION FOR MARCH.

Describe fully what would be expected of a nurse who is in charge of a baby, aged eight months, suffering from an intussusception, from the moment of the onset of the pain to the completion of convalescence after the operation.

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