

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

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## THE LONDON SCHOOL OF DIETETICS.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I thought you would be interested to know that the London School of Dietetics is making such rapid progress that it has now become necessary to enlarge the premises. The Dietetic Kitchen, on which so much money was spent nine months ago, has proved inadequate for its purpose, and we are shortly going to equip a kitchen two or three times the size. There will also have to be an increase in the lecture-room accommodation.

We have found no difficulty in getting posts for our students, and all those who have taken the course have already found some satisfactory opening for their services. We have now made arrangements to open a large number of food clinics throughout the country, and we shall need a far larger number of students than hitherto, if these vacancies are to be filled in time.

The next whole-time course of the School starts on September 25th, and the evening course on September 26th. The interest of many public bodies has been awakened as to the need for dieticians in hospitals, schools and other institutions, as well as in factories' welfare schemes, and it appears that students of this School get such a practical training that their services are in exceptional demand.

We are now working on an elaborate exhibition of models to illustrate the best means of feeding cheaply, and yet obtaining the maximum of nourishment.

As we find that some students cannot manage to pay the whole fees of the course in a lump sum, we have made arrangements for deferred payments.

I hope you will give these matters as much publicity as possible, and invite any of your friends and yourself to visit us whenever possible, and see what we are doing.

Yours very truly,

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*President.*

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## AN APPRECIATION.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—At the moment I imagine you will be attending the International Congress, but I do not want to lose another day in writing to thank you for your very kind reference in the JOURNAL to my appointment as Honorary Consultant in Public Health Nursing to the Ontario Department of Health. Miss Edna Moote, the Chief Public Health Nurse of the Province, was appointed over a year ago, and I am sure it will be a privilege to be associated with her and the Department in any way.

Again assuring you of my appreciation of the acknowledgment in the JOURNAL and of the many kind personal letters I have received from friends in England, believe me,

Yours sincerely,

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P.S.—It is needless to say we are all interested in and assured that the Congress Meeting in Paris and Brussels will be an event long to be remembered, and we are so glad to have such a good Canadian representation.—E. L. S.

## EFFECTIVE ACTION.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I am indeed delighted to see that not only was The Nurses' Registration Act Amendment Bill successfully blocked during the recent Session by our friends in Parliament—amongst whom I specially note with pleasure Capt. Cunningham Reid, member for my own constituency of St. Marylebone—but also that before the end of the Session this Bill was dropped by its promoter, Mr. J. Batey, Labour M.P. for Spennymoor. Let us hope therefore that we have heard the last of this ill-considered and mischievous measure.

May I put on record in our JOURNAL my own thanks, and I know that I am voicing those of many others, to you, our leader and constant friend, for the prompt action you took in making public the dangerous provisions of this measure, which otherwise, for lack of understanding, might have been allowed to proceed to a second reading in the House of Commons, and eventually to pass into law, to the great detriment of the public and the injury of hundreds of Registered Nurses.

I am, Dear Madam,

Gratefully yours,

STATE REGISTERED NURSE.

## KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

## The Wonderful Week.

*An old pupil writes:—*"How delighted I was to be present at the meeting of the Congress in Brussels at which you were decorated by M. Paul Hymans with the Order of Leopold. That alone was to me worth going to the Congress for; but how much more also there was of pleasure and profit only those who attended the Congress know. During that wonderful week there many times echoed in my heart the last words of Miss Breay's article on 'The Vision Splendid,' in the Congress Number of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING. 'Thank God, that here and there in a century there are still those who see visions and dream dreams.' No greater influence for good, professionally and otherwise, could have been imagined, and brought to such success, for the nurses of the world. I wonder what it must feel like to have been so inspired and to see the result of the inspiration."

*A Congress Member writes:—*"I feel that now I am home again I should like to write and tell you that I only managed to get to the Congress by selling out some shares. Was it foolish? Anyway, it was a hundred times worth while, and as long as I live I shall rejoice that I did so."

## What a Contrast.

*A Nurse correspondent writes:—*"I enclose cutting from *The Times*:—'Our Paris correspondent says that the Congress of the Teachers' Union came to an end on Saturday after carrying a motion by which its members agreed in the event of war to organise a general strike. The Congress had already voted for a half-hour strike at the opening of the Parliamentary session in October on a question of pensions.'

What a contrast to the spirit of service which animated the Nurses of the World Congress recently held in Paris. How sad that our children should be in the power of these self-seeking, unpatriotic people. How I grudge having to help pay their very substantial salaries."

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