LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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RED CROSS WORK IN MISSISSIPPI

DEAR EDITOR: Allow me to correct an error made in the letter department of the October JOURNAL, headed "Recognition of the Work of Southern Nurses." Red Cross nurses arrived in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, May 3, exactly nine days, instead of nearly two weeks, after the tornado. Furthermore we consider the work of Hattiesburg physicians, King's Daughters, citizens, and New Orleans nurses, all done in the *Red Cross spirit*, therefore it was hardly necessary to make any personal mention.

Troy, N. Y.

ANNA M. BEADLE.

HOT SPONGING IN FEVERS

DEAR EDITOR: I would be glad if any of your readers who now use hot sponging instead of cold to reduce temperatures would kindly tell me at what temperature they use the water. I had an enteric patient whom I sponged with very hot water and afterwards rubbed over with spirits of wine. The result was a slight drop in temperature which was maintained for about eight hours. The kidneys which were sluggish acted after the sponge, the patient slept, and said she felt more comfortable and much less tired than after a cold sponge. I would be very grateful for any information on this point.

A NURSE IN INDIA.

THE GRADED REGISTRY

DEAR EDITOR: The question of who shall or shall not look after the poor and middle class sick in our communities will hardly be answered by the "Graded Registry" suggested by Miss Erickson. A nearer solution will be when nurses are compensated for their services as the members of other professions, for the individual case based upon the financial standing of the patient. Emphasizing a stated weekly stipend only helps to place nursing on the level of a trade. When the conditions suggested prevail generally then the graduate can give her services for