

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### CHICKENS

Dear Editor: I would like to communicate with some nurses who are interested in chicken ranches.

Illinois

AN I. T. S.—R. N.

### THE NURSE ANESTHETIST

Dear Editor: After completing a three years' course in nursing, I took a course in general anesthesia at the Illinois College of Medicine and Surgery, but inasmuch as I preferred specializing in nitrous oxide oxygen anesthesia, I took a special course with Dr. I. E. McKesson, in Toledo, Ohio, the originator of the McKesson Nitrous Oxide Apparatus. Dr. Isabelle Herb, anesthetist at the Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago, gave courses in anesthetics at \$100.00 a month. I have been anesthetizer for a surgeon, and also at a hospital. I prefer hospital work. There were three anesthetists at this hospital and the work was arranged in accordance with our wishes. One reason why hospital work is preferable is that the hours are regular. When employed by a surgeon, one is interrupted, regardless of time, and is obliged to respond. I was called for all obstetrical cases, which involved considerable night work. About eighteen months ago I joined the army, serving six months at a camp in the United States, after which I was transferred to an evacuation hospital in France. Although the work at this hospital was very strenuous, I derived more satisfaction from it than from anything I had attempted before, for I felt that I was helping my country and relieving the suffering of our dear boys.

Kentucky

E. T. C.

### PRIVATE DUTY NURSING

Dear Editor: The articles in the JOURNAL on Private Duty Nursing have been extremely interesting and encouraging to me, a private duty nurse. I feel very strongly that in these days of the after effects of the war,—the returning soldier, the church, and the thoughtful public are attempting one of the most difficult tasks, a reawakening, a real religion, a reconsecration to the common tasks, and a higher, deeper, wider sense of coöperation with one's fellow workers. On behalf of a class of women who have to face the circumstances of private life very intimately, who have to cope with them during abnormal and disturbing conditions, I would clasp the hands of those who feel and speak of this great need, for there is certainly no quality so needed for the moral support of the family and for the advancement of Christian civilization, to say nothing of the encouragement of the nursing service, as the spirit of sincere fellowship between employer and employee.

Massachusetts

E. K.

### A MODERN HOSPITAL IN PORTO RICO

Dear Editor: St. Luke's Hospital in Ponce is a mission hospital under the Episcopal Board, with accommodations for sixty-five patients. Some of the buildings are only a year old. It suffered great damage during the earthquake of October, 1918. The operating room is a separate building, connected with the