

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

SIR,—I was much interested by the letter signed "Veritas" in your last issue. If it is true that the Women's Jubilee Fund is to be invested, and used for providing nurses for the sick poor in the largest cities in the United Kingdom, would it not be possible to make the movement *national*, by establishing a committee of ladies and gentlemen for the purpose in every town affiliated to the Metropolitan Branch of the National Nursing Association, which does such excellent work in London? MATRONA.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

SIR,—I regret that in your last number nothing is said concerning the subject so interesting to the public—registration of nurses.

"Matrona's" letter was concise, and touched on a very important point in the question; and as an invalid of many years' standing, I must thank her for suggesting that the question of legal registration concerns the *public* as well as the nursing profession. The sooner the two meet on undebatable ground the better. For instance, I am sick; I send for a physician—not a quack; I may become worse; a trained nurse is sent for; I may or I may not get the genuine article. Why? Because the public (long-suffering and amiable animal) has hitherto demanded no guarantee of a nurse's efficiency, and in consequence is still at the mercy of any woman, however incompetent, who chooses, after short hospital experience, "to go in for private nursing." I rejoice to see the formation of the British Nurses Association, whose primary object is, I believe, to obtain legal registration for nurses, and to which scheme the inevitable opposition to all innovations is, of course, being raised. Should this heroic little band require encouragement, I should advise them to hold a public meeting in the Albert Hall, and invite all those sick folks who have suffered from the incompetency of the half-trained "private nurse." I guarantee a "full house."

THOROUGH.

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