appointments, and with all deference I would say that I do not think they estimate the Matron's post at its right value. She is more than a Head Nurse; she has higher responsibilities than a housekeeper if she is to be a *Matron.*—I am, Sir, yours, C. J. WOOD.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,-I have carefully read your leading article in the *Record* of the 21st, and fully endorse your opinion that Nurses should join the Association as soon as possible. Will you allow me to ask your opinion on a point not touched upon in your article? (1) Will the status of Nurses who join the Nurses' Association now, without examination, be the same in the eyes of the profession and the public as those who join later, when examination is compulsory to all? (2) Can those examination is compulsory to all? Nurses who join now, subsequently present themselves

for examination?—Yours faithfully, A.B.C. [This letter, from a distinguished provincial Surgeon, is written at the request of several of his Nurses. We have referred it to the Hon. Secretary of the Association, and he has kindly supplied us with the information upon which our Editorial is this week We thank our correspondent for calling based. attention to the matter and for his accompanying letter.—ED.]

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