

mical; on Friday, the moral; on Saturday, the legal; and on Sunday there will be a banquet. The sittings will be held in the Salle de Geographie, 184, Boulevard St. Germain. Most of the speeches will be previously written, and copies of them preserved in the archives of the Congress. All societies in the old and new world, with similar aims to those of the Congress, are invited to attend.

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LORD MEATH and Lord Kinnaird, the latter of whom is president of the Young Women's Christian Association, 316, Regent Street, have written to the daily press as follows: As a large number of English girls will be employed at the Paris Exhibition, it is felt that something ought to be done for them during the six months they will be in Paris. It is proposed to take a house or rooms close to the Exhibition, to which English girls can be invited, and where English ladies can lodge, whose duty it will be to interest themselves in the girls and to help them. After consultation with some of the authorities, we have heard of suitable rooms, which must be secured at once; and we are most anxious to raise a fund that will enable us to go forward without delay. From past experience of the dangers and temptations to which girls are exposed in these large exhibitions, and especially in a city like Paris, we confidently appeal to the public for a generous response, in order to give effect to our proposal. An experienced worker will be sent over to make all necessary arrangements, and some ladies resident in Paris are willing to co-operate. We shall be glad to receive subscriptions, or they may be sent to Messrs. Barclay, Ransom, and Co., 1, Pall Mall East, London.

CORRESPONDENCE

(Notes, Queries, &c.)

. WHILST CORDIALLY INVITING COMMUNICATIONS UPON ALL SUBJECTS FOR THESE COLUMNS, WE WISH IT TO BE DISTINCTLY UNDERSTOOD THAT WE DO NOT IN ANY WAY HOLD OURSELVES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OPINIONS EXPRESSED BY CORRESPONDENTS.

BADGES.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—Having read "Sister Agnes's" letter regarding a badge for the Members of the B.N.A., I am very glad the idea has been started, and feel sure most Members would be proud to wear some token, showing they belonged to an Association which has for its chief aim the welfare of Trained Nurses.—Yours truly,
E. M. S.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—Will you kindly allow me to correct a serious error in the paragraph relating to the Hospital for Sick Children, which appeared in last week's issue of the *Nursing Record*?

The necessity for remedying any hygienic defects in the existing portion of the Hospital, before proceeding with the completion of the building, has been already fully recognised and acted upon. Every detail of drainage and ventilation has been carefully examined by Mr. Shirley Murphy and Mr. Rogers Field, and the Hospital is now in process of being placed in the most perfect sanitary condition, under the direction of these eminent sanitary authorities.—Believe me, faithfully yours,
W. B. CHEADLE, M.D.,

Senior Physician to the Hospital for Sick Children.

19, Portman Street, Portman Square, W.

[We are glad to learn that these energetic measures have been taken.—ED.]

NURSE PROBATIONERS AND NIGHT DUTY.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—I should like to call attention to the length of time Nurse Probationers are, at some Hospitals, placed on night duty. It has come to my knowledge that young Nurses are in some Hospitals required to take night duty for two months at a stretch, and several instances have been mentioned to me of Probationers breaking down before the expiration of this period. Surely with a staff to relieve one another it would be far better to limit the time to one month. I hear at one small Hospital, where Nurses are taken somewhat younger than at the large General Hospitals, it is a common occurrence for young girls to break down at the end of six weeks' night duty.—Yours obediently,
NURSE'S FRIEND.

[We are pleased to have this expression and appeal from our esteemed correspondent, and we sincerely hope that his letter may be the initiation of an earnest endeavour to put down "over work" of every description.—ED.]

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—I do not think "A Parish Priest" can know very much about Nurses, or he would never venture to hint that they lack endurance, for surely it is of all others the quality they *do* possess. I wonder if he has the least idea how very much they have to endure, not only in their every-day work, but also from outsiders like himself, who judge the many by a few they have known, and who, perhaps, failed to come up to their idea of what a Nurse should be. Of course, Nurses are not perfect, and there will always be some unworthy of the name; but as a class they are gentle, patient women, who try their best to help and comfort those who suffer. As regards the knick-knacks "A Parish Priest" appears to condemn, perhaps he does not know that those pretty trifles are generally gifts from grateful patients who do not wish their Nurse quite to forget them, and I think I may safely say it is very few Nurses who allow the Ward-maid to dust their rooms. Surely a Priest ought to know that the greater our love for the beautiful the better our work will be done; and a Sister or Nurse who makes her

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