

annuity of £20 a year from the British Home for Incurables. To do this at least 1,000 votes must be procured from subscribers to the Institution. Lists of subscribers can be obtained by sending eight stamps to the offices, 73, Cheapside, E.C.

Will every reader of this journal do what she or he can to obtain votes for this sad case—to assist, in however small a measure, to bear another's burden? Such help will be gratefully welcomed by the Editor, *Nursing Record*, St. Dunstan's House, Fetter Lane, London, E.C., and all subscriptions, &c., will be duly acknowledged.

CORRESPONDENCE

(Notes, Querles, &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,—I regret much that my respected colleague, who signs her letters "Justitia," should have thought me "hard" on a B.N.A. badge; but your able Editorial of the 6th inst. so exactly expresses my views, that I will not trespass further on your space. I should like to take this opportunity of thanking you for myself and my fellow workers here, for having enabled us to read the excellent papers delivered before the British Nurses' Association in London, by publishing them in your journal.—I remain, Sir, yours truly,
A COUNTRY MATRON.

NURSES FOR NICE.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

The Directress of the Hollond Institution at Nice is obliged to all the Nurses who have written to her, but she will only be able to answer those whose applications seem most suitable. Therefore, Nurses who receive no answer will kindly understand that the applications are too numerous for acceptance.
Villa Estradié, Nice.

OBSTETRIC NURSING.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—The suggestion made by Dr. Cullingworth in his interesting lecture on the 17th ult., that women should undergo a course of Hospital instruction in elementary nursing before undertaking the special duties of Obstetric Nursing, is most sound and excellent advice. If fully acted upon, it would do more than anything else to purge Obstetric Nursing from the gross ignorance and incapacity that have so long

and so persistently degraded it. It is a matter of common observation that Trained Nurses do not as a rule care for Midwifery Nursing, and appear to be under an impression that it is unworthy of their powers. No idea can be more erroneous. Obstetric Nursing is a most interesting, important and satisfactory branch of nursing work, when its duties are well understood and worthily performed; and I know of none where skill counts for more. It is to be hoped some of our younger Nurses will think this matter over. What life is tenderer than a newly-born infant's? What life is dearer than a mother's? Can a Nurse who has such a trust committed to her care ever consider it unworthy of her, unless she betrays it by incapacity? —I am, Sir, yours truly,
JUSTITIA.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—I am requested by the Committee of the International Congress of Women's Work, to thank you for the notice inserted in the *Nursing Record*, and at the same time to rectify a slight omission which might mislead our English visitors.

The International Congress of Women's Work, organised by Mme. Emilie de Morsier under Government patronage, and presided over by M. Jules Simon, will commence its séances on Friday, July 12, and continue till Thursday, July 18, inclusive. Communications to be addressed, 21, Passage Saulnier, Rue Lafayette.

There will be another Woman's Congress in Paris this season, organised by Mme. Maria Diraismes and M. Leon Richer. This is the Congress which will assemble on Tuesday, June 25, and last five days.—I remain, Sir, yours very truly,

MARIA MARTUA, Sec.
Directrice de *La Citoyenne*.

DISTINCTION v. EXTINCTION.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—“Sweet are the uses of adversity.” Having pulverised our poor claims for a badge in your last Editorial, you soothe our wounded feelings by holding out before our tearful eyes visions of something far better for us in the future, viz., a possible medal, depending upon our getting a possible Charter.

So we poor Nurses may after all have “something to wear” (in our pockets), lest we provoke “the unextinguishable merriment” of the sterner sex, who care not for frivolities, and never even wear so much as a flower in their buttonholes. Well, we must dry our eyes and put up our pence for a medal, which is the only consolation left to your correspondent.

BADGELESS.

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Inquirer.—Get “A Handbook of Nursing,” by Miss Catherine Wood.

Mrs. Green.—We do not prescribe; consult a Medical man.

Sister Alice.—We believe it is now in the press.

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