



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

(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 our correspondents.

We shall be happy to answer, as far as we can, all questions submitted to us.

Communications, &c., not noticed in our present number will receive attention when space permits.

BADGES FOR NURSES.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—Will you kindly allow me space in the *Record* to bring before the members of the British Nurses' Association a simple badge I have adopted until something better is suggested and decided on? I wear a chatelaine in the form of a cross made of red ribbon; on the cross bar the letters "M.B.N.A." are worked in old English type with white silk. Believing in the proverb, "Small beginnings may lead to large ends," also, "If none endeavoured, there would be an end to discovery."—I am, yours faithfully,

MARY JOHNSON, M.B.N.A.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Dear Sir,—It is with great pleasure that I write to support the idea of Members of the British Nurses' Association wearing a distinguishing badge, and trust that before the New Year some definite sign will be instituted.

I think more especially that Private Nurses, nursing on their own account, would greatly appreciate this distinguishing mark (providing, of course, that they belong to the Association); and it would also be a pecuniary benefit to them.

I like the idea suggested by "M.B.N.A.," in your last issue—viz., that the badge should be a white cross on a red ground.

I should have much pleasure in subscribing towards any expenses that may be incurred in bringing this suggestion to a practical issue. I enclose my card and remain, dear Sir, yours faithfully,

S. B. H., M.B.N.A.

CLINICAL INSTRUCTION TO NURSES.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Dear Sir,—Permit me through the correspondence columns of our *Record* to thank Sarah Clayton for her valued and assuring support of my views on "Clinical Instruction to Nurses."

We have been anticipated in this matter by a letter sent to the *Nursing Record* (No. 56) for April 25, 1887, signed "Justitia," and as this subject is attracting the thoughtful attention of Nurses, I commend it to their earnest perusal, for in my humble judgment it involves one of the foremost questions of modern nursing progress.—I am, Sir, yours truly,

OBSTETRICA.

PROPOSED HOLIDAY HOME.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—Some time ago I wrote to you about the proposed Holiday Home for Nurses, and expressed a wish to make an

offering of about two shillings and sixpence to the fund. On reading the appeal enclosed in the report of the B.N.A., it struck me that the Members of the B.N.A. would unite their offerings, and the aggregate sum would be most acceptable to the kind ladies who have done so much to obtain the house at Brighton. If we, the "Three Thousand," are looked upon as the rock upon which the B.N.A. will (or had founded) found its good works on our behalf, let us show to future members that we did our best to ensure a firm foundation. An offering given at the *Conversazione* or elsewhere need not interfere with the presenting of knick-knacks, &c. May I also suggest that each Member should refund the postage of the report, especially as we are to have one free every three months?—Respectfully yours,

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A CONTEMPORARY'S IDEA OF FAIR PLAY.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—The *Hospital* has just reviewed a book called "The Modern Malady," by Cyril Bennett, author of "The Massage Case," in which it is gravely asserted that one of the objects aimed at by the author is to show up Massage and its allied treatments as ridiculous. It is well known, however, that Cyril Bennett is a sturdy advocate of *skilled* Massage. The treatment is warmly recommended in "The Modern Malady," the preface to which is written by the founder and director of the School of Massage and Electricity, and the entire work is cordially approved of by Dr. Weir Mitchell himself. What can the *Hospital* mean? It is noteworthy that the Editor has refused to print a brief and temperate letter in which the author very rightly points out that, though cases of abuse of Massage are referred to in the work in question, it contains not one word of condemnation of Massage and allied treatments as remedies for neurasthenia.—Yours faithfully,

A NURSE.

MRS. DUYCK'S ANNUITY.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—I polled two hundred and seventeen votes this election, and five hundred and four votes brought forward from last May election makes a total of seven hundred and twenty-one votes to carry forward (D.V.) to next election, May, 1891. It is a slow and tedious process and requires great patience. Success must come at last, if longest on the list.—With my dutiful compliments, I am, Sir, yours very respectfully,

SARAH DUYCK.

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A REPLY TO "YORKSHIREMAN."

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—A few closing words to "Yorkshireman." I fear he will think me very "thick," but I begin to see what he is writing against. I certainly agree that the Thirty-nine Articles are only man's work, were written in an age far less enlightened than the present one, and in the present day to say you do not agree with one or other of them, it is thought by your opponent that you ought to be in Hanwell. I used to think clergy were angels in black and white gowns; but as in everything else, I have proved one must learn by experience.—Faithfully yours,

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AN APPEAL.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Dear Sir,—We are most anxious to bring the enclosed account of the work of the Young Women's Christian Asso-

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