

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.

HOME HOSPITALS.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—When I indited my little letter, asking for the help of ladies experienced in the management of Home Hospitals, I little thought I was poking my pen into a hornet's nest. I am a great believer in publicity in matters professional, and I feel sure others as well as myself will benefit by the correspondence in the column of your excellent paper. I must especially thank "Matrona" for her impersonal advice, and I shall certainly remember the "perpendicular bars" to the bedsteads, recommended by "H. T.," when ordering my furniture.—I remain, Sir, yours, &c.,

SISTER CATHERINE.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—I should like to preface my few remarks, this week, with the assertion that a house must be built for the purpose before any Home Hospital can be organised upon a perfect model. Only those ladies who have adapted a dwelling-house

for the nursing of the sick can fully appreciate the numerous difficulties to be met and partially overcome; the combined forethought and method of the workers, however, can greatly facilitate matters and minimise inconvenience for all. When the richer classes fully appreciate the value of skilled Nursing—and they are gaining experience every day—as they do the best medical treatment, the model Home Hospital will arise, because they will then be prepared to pay for the luxury of the best nursing. For the best nursing is a very expensive luxury. We must also remember that Homes worked on economical lines must always exist to meet the moderate means of the middle classes. What people with moderate incomes must remember is, that ten guineas worth of luxury cannot be obtained for less than half that price. It is, therefore, very unwise of a Superintendent to have a great discrepancy in the prices charged, such as from three to twelve guineas per week. The entire Home should be furnished and worked on lines consistent with almost uniform prices, to suit the price a certain class of patient can afford to pay, just in the same manner in which hotels are worked. No person puts up at Claridge's or the Savoy unless he requires, and is prepared to pay for, luxury. Cleanliness and comfort are obtainable in much less pretentious hostels, and the public choose accordingly. Home Hospitals will never be estimated at their true value until the Nursing is made the first consideration, and is made the chief charge. The present system of lumping in the nursing with washing, coals and gas, necessarily depreciates its value in the eyes of the public, and the charges of eight to ten guineas a week are apt to startle the uninitiated when merely considering these items. "Why, I could get a whole house for that price," exclaimed a lady patient, who had been recommended to enter a Home Hospital for a serious abdominal operation, by a Surgeon well known for his wit. "Doubtless, madam," he replied, with a smile, "and a coffin into the bargain; but what may save your life is good

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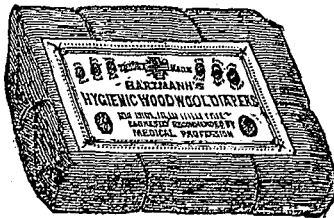
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