

place of their medical officers, and states, "but the midwife is not substituted for the medical officer, she is entirely responsible to the extent to which her services are to be relied on in each case." This shows that the Irish Board do not hold the same opinion as the English supporters of the new order of midwifery practitioners. I would add, that the medical staff of the Lying-in Hospital, Liverpool, obtained for themselves the large sum of £1,000 3s. during the last eight years, by the sale of diplomas to midwives, while a few members of the London Obstetrical Society have, up to 1890, sold £988 worth.

In these days when it is so difficult to obtain a livelihood by legitimate means, the Medical Council must surely know, that if they allow the sale of diplomas to go on, so successful a financial trade will be certain to find imitators.

I hope those medical men amongst your readers who are interested in this vital question will write to their direct representatives on the Medical Council, asking them to give the subject of the petition which appeared in your issue of last week, their careful attention.—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT R. RENTOUL.

Liverpool, November, 1893.

#### A NURSES' HOME.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

MADAM,—Several members of the R.B.N.A. who have resided in Miss Ely's Home for Trained Nurses at 25, Norfolk Crescent, Hyde Park, are most anxious to express, through the widely read pages of THE NURSING RECORD, their grateful appreciation of all the kindly care they have received there: every home comfort is provided, and a cordial welcome awaits each Nurse returning from a trying case or a long journey. We strongly recommend Private Nurses who would value such a Home to take an early opportunity of making Miss Ely's acquaintance, who is so well known through all "Young Women's Christian Associations" as the late Superintendent of the

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#### LETTERS RECEIVED.

- A. Mrs. Rachel Foster Avery, Philadelphia; Mrs. Roberts Austen, London; Sister Adelaide, Manchester.
- B. Mr. G. W. Belsey, Manchester; Miss Bissell, London.
- D. Mrs. Dickson, Cheltenham (with enclosure); Miss de Pledge, London.
- F. Miss M. D. Farquharson, Melbourne (with enclosure).
- G. Miss Amy H. S. Gething, Bloemfontein, South Africa; Miss Grace Gordon (with enclosure).
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- L. Miss Catherine Loch, Bishopsgate (with enclosure); Miss A. Lawson, Edinburgh (with enclosure); Miss Lawrence, York (with enclosure); Mr. John Lawton, Bristol (with enclosure).
- M. Miss G. McVitie, Naini Tal, India (with enclosure); Miss Elizabeth Marsland, Melbourne; Miss Kate Marsh, London; Nurse Mary, London (with enclosure).
- O. Miss Owen Bullen (with enclosure).
- R. Mrs. Rose, London (with enclosure); Miss Robins (with enclosure); Dr. Robert Rentoul, Liverpool; Mr. Romford, Portsmouth (with enclosure).
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