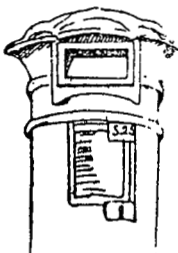


the use of similar appliances. They can be obtained at a very moderate price from J. S. Gregg, 92, New Bond Street, W.

ROBINSON & CLEAVER'S LINENS.

Some of the linen goods produced by this firm have been submitted to us and deserve the warmest commendation. The quality is as excellent as one expects from the well-known looms of the North of Ireland manufacturers and the price compares very favourably with those of English firms. In fact it is much cheaper for English customers to obtain their linens direct from the manufacturer in Ireland than through their local middleman, and to such we recommend the perusal of the catalogue which will be sent on application to this well-known firm.



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.

REGISTERED NURSES' SOCIETY.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

MADAM,—In the NURSING RECORD of June 2nd, you kindly suggest, to enable the members of this Society to keep in touch with yourself and each other, a column of this journal shall be kept for subjects referring to the Society. Having now completed four-and-a-half years of private nursing, I have learned something of the isolation, in spite of its great variety in the life of Nurses engaged in private nursing, and that this is more especially the case where the members residences are scattered, and their only opportunity of meeting the Superintendent is an office. I feel sure other members of the Society will join with me in welcoming any communications you may make to us through the columns of the NURSING RECORD.—I am, yours truly,

E. L. S.

MATRONS IN COUNCIL.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

MADAM,—Will you kindly allow me, through your valuable paper, to thank Miss Annesley Kenealy for her very thoughtful and practical suggestion for her fellow Nurses. I am sure that a Debating Society would be much appreciated by all the Members of the R.B.N.A.—I am, Madam, yours truly,

MARY BURR, M.R.B.N.A.,
Registered Nurse; County Council Lecturer.

THE GENERAL COUNCIL, R.B.N.A.

To the Editor of "the Nursing Record."

MADAM,—The voting papers for the forthcoming election of the General Council are about to be issued to the members of the R.B.N.A., and I should wish to say a few words on the same. It has not been my privilege to identify myself actively in the promotion of the R.B.N.A. Like the

majority of the members, I have only been able to give my loyal adherence and my warmest sympathy to the objects that the founders of the Association have, from the first, had in view. But, since my election on the General Council, I have naturally given more thought to the working of the movement, and the importance of each individual member of the Corporation realising the responsibility attached to such membership has been very strongly forced upon me. With these thoughts in my mind, I venture to suggest to those who have done us the honour of electing us to act on the General Council, that they should, at the present juncture, use the utmost care and very great judgment in the selection of members to represent them. So far all has been well; but I cannot help feeling that amongst the Nurse-members, as well as amongst others, the idea has crept in, that now the Charter is obtained, and the Corporation is placed on a working footing, that everything is gained, and that now we may rest on our oars. I can fully understand and sympathise with the inclination, on the part of those engaged in work that at times strains every nerve and muscle, to enjoy the relaxation of "resting on oars," but if we allow ourselves that relaxation, we drift, and I cannot fail to see dangers ahead on to which the R.B.N.A. may drift, and rocks ahead on which we may split. The R.B.N.A. has not yet earned the right to relax efforts to advance the interests of the Nursing profession—we must look to a future as well as an honourable beginning, and I venture to appeal to every member of the Corporation to bear this in mind when voting for members to act on the forthcoming General Council, and to vote only for those amongst the Matrons, Nurses, and Medical Men, who will faithfully adhere to the principles on which the Corporation is founded, and who will make every endeavour to give expression to the views and wishes of the members of the Corporation whom they are elected to represent. Without such care and caution there is grave reason to fear that the fundamental laws on which the Corporation is built may be taken in light-hearted ignorance that such laws exist and were intended to be binding.—I am, your obedient servant,

HENRIETTA KENEALY.

Comments and Replies.

REPLIES.

Miss G. Harper, Woolwich.—We feel your case is a hard one, but you have many fellow-sufferers; we can only repeat the advice we have so often given before. *Refuse* to be sent to private nursing until the full term of three years training *promised*, is completed. We intend to write a few words concerning this subject in the Registered Nurses' Column next week, as we have with sincere regret been unable to accept as members several Nurses whose term of training has been rendered incomplete through breach of contract by the authorities of the Hospital, in which they received their education.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

- A. Mrs. Roberts-Austen (with enclosure), London; Miss Atherton, Bombay.
- B. Miss Brady, Cork; Miss A. Beverley, Grantham.
- E. Miss Early, Witney.
- G. Mrs. Gordon, London (with enclosure).
- H. Miss G. Harper, Woolwich; Miss Hallowell (with enclosure), Richmond; Miss Marian Humfrey, Birmingham.
- M. Sister C. R. Mill, Chatham.
- N. Miss E. E. Nash, Paddock-Wood.
- P. Miss Pincoffs, Dunster (with enclosure).
- S. Miss Seidler, Cheswick; Miss G. Scott, Sunderland; Mrs. Sartoris, Paris; Miss Sanders, Edinburgh; Mrs. Scott, Stockwell.
- W. Mr. White Wallis, London.

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