

### A Sad Case.

MISS ANNESLEY KENEALY acknowledges with many thanks further donations of money and clothing for the St. Bartholomew's Nurse who has been, through illness and family troubles, in very great distress.

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Miss M. Bywater ... ..	0	5	0
"Sunny" ... ..	0	5	0
A Birmingham Nurse ... ..	0	7	6
Miss Wade, Edinburgh ... ..	0	5	0
Miss Elizabeth Wade, Wells, Somerset ... ..	0	5	0
Mrs. M. Andrews ... ..	0	10	0

#### CLOTHING.

A very nice Hospital out-door cloak from Nurse Otley, The Hospital, Longton, Staffordshire.

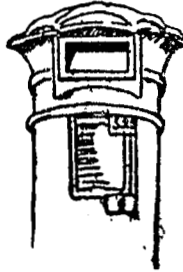
A box of extremely useful clothing from Miss M. Breay.

Watford, Herts.

### Another Sad Case.

AN appeal has been issued to the Governors and Subscribers of the United Kingdom Beneficent Association for granting annuities up to £25 to persons of the upper and middle classes in reduced circumstances who are above 40 years of age, and who are unable from bodily infirmities to earn their own livelihood; and for affording temporary help to candidates awaiting election in urgent distress, on behalf of Miss Henrietta Stewart (born in 1838), a gentlewoman by birth, who for more than twenty years supplemented her private income of £25 a year (all she has) by following the profession of a Hospital Nurse, but is now quite incapacitated by paralysis from doing so. For her services in the Egyptian Campaign of 1882 she was decorated by the Queen with the order of the Royal Red Cross, besides receiving the War Medal and Khedive's Star, and warm expressions of approval from the medical officers under whom she did duty, and of gratitude from patients whom she nursed. In 1885 she was sent to Bulgaria to assist in nursing the sick and wounded in the war between that country and Servia. For her services she received the Red Cross of Bulgaria, and was highly commended by the reigning Prince Alexander. Miss Henrietta Stewart was the first Lady Superintendent appointed when Nursing Sisters were introduced into the Navy, and organised the work at the Royal Naval Hospital, at Haslar, for some time. She has worked, therefore, in the Civil, the Military, and Naval Nursing Services, and has had a most exceptionally varied career. She holds testimonials of an unusually high character from various persons, official and other, both civil and military. Her case is recommended as one of a specially pressing and deserving nature.

We sincerely hope that any readers of the RECORD who have any influence in this Association will use it on behalf of Miss Stewart, whose sad condition after so many years of admirable service in the Nursing profession, calls for the assistance of her fellow-workers and others who appreciate good work nobly done.



### 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.*

#### TRAINING IN CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

MADAM,—There is a question which has caused a good deal of feeling of late in a Children's Hospital in which I have been working, which I have long wished were brought under the notice of your readers, hoping that through the RECORD we might gain the opinions of those Matrons who are most capable of judging fairly in the matter. My point in this—Can a Nurse who has been trained only in the Wards of a Children's Hospital be considered a thoroughly trained Nurse? It is evidently a contested point. For instance, in the Hospital to which I allude, Regular and Paying Probationers are admitted, and an excellent course of theoretical teaching through lectures is given, and certificates are awarded after examinations to those Probationers who conclude the full term of training—but then comes the *crux*. These Nurses are not considered by the Matron to be qualified for promotion as Sisters of Wards, so that these coveted positions are always, when vacant, filled by ladies who have, in addition to an experience of nursing children, first-class experience in nursing adult patients. On the other hand, several members of the medical staff are of opinion that it would be advisable to promote as Sisters, the Nurses trained in the Hospitals, and for some time pressure has been brought to bear upon the Matron to consent to this arrangement.

I feel sure a correspondence on this question would arouse much interest, and hope that we may have the opinions of those Matrons and Sisters who take a real interest in the best system of training Nurses.

I remain,

Yours truly,

SISTER LOUISE.

[This letter opens up a subject of very great interest, and we hope that those who are best qualified to express an opinion will do so.—ED.]

#### CONSULTATION FEES.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

MADAM,—I regret to see in the "Echoes" of last week an expression of opinion that £5 5s. was an exorbitant fee to pay for a consultation for a Nurse in one of the Metropolitan Fever Hospitals. I happen to know something of the circumstances, and trust to the fairness for which your journal is noted to make them known. The Nurse, resident in a Fever Hospital, was suffering from symptoms that necessitated the opinion of a surgical specialist, and in justice to the Nurse, the very best opinion was obtained, which is cheaper in the end than paying a lower fee for a less reliable opinion. In cases of life and death, I am of opinion that such a fee is quite justifiable, and such expert opinions are of course obtainable by any

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