

credit upon a Nurse. I hope some mistake has been made, and that the editor of the *Hospital* will do all in his power to remove the impression given to all Trained Nurses that the "Matron of the Hospital" is as ignorant as Nurse Finns is made to appear.—  
Yours faithfully, \_\_\_\_\_  
THOROUGH.

*To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."*

SIR,—We are all deeply grateful to you for enlarging the *Nursing Record*. In reading it, we always find we have come to the end far too soon. We should like to say, also, how much we appreciate Miss Harris's papers on Fever Nursing, but wish they were longer. In fact, you will observe we are so appreciative, that we are difficult to satisfy.

A NUMBER OF INFIRMARY NURSES.

*To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."*

SIR,—If you have space, and will be good enough to print my letter, I should like to draw the attention of your readers to my difficulties, which I know are shared by many hospital Sisters. I am a thoroughly Trained Nurse, holding the certificate of one of the leading London Nursing schools, and I have had charge of very important wards for five years in another large London hospital. In the last twelve months, I have applied for four Matrons' posts in good county hospitals, and have on three occasions been a selected candidate, but have each time been told by the committee, that not having had experience in housekeeping has alone prevented me gaining the appointment. This is very disappointing, and I suppose may go on *ad infinitum*. Can anyone suggest a remedy for—Yours truly, \_\_\_\_\_  
SISTER DESPAIR.

["Sister Despair" will find that her difficulties are by no means singular, and that in this week's correspondence attention has been drawn to the same subject by Miss East. We hope some of our readers will give their advice on the subject.—ED.]

*To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."*

SIR,—Could you kindly let me know to whom I must apply for the rules of first-class Training Schools for Nurses?—Yours truly, \_\_\_\_\_  
JANE ANN EVANS.  
Woodville, Cheetham Hill, Manchester.

[Apply to the Lady Superintendents of the following hospitals:—Royal Infirmary, Manchester; St. Thomas's Hospital, London, S.W.; St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C.; Guy's Hospital, Borough, London, S.E. Doubtless you will have to wait some months before a vacancy is likely to occur in these

hospitals, but there are numbers of other hospitals where the training is excellent, both in town and country.—ED.]

*To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."*

SIR,—I see in "Nursing Echoes" of last week, you mention favourably a ware called "granitine," which you recommend for use in Children's Wards, as it is unbreakable. Will you be good enough to tell me where it can be procured?—Yours truly, \_\_\_\_\_

SISTER IN CHARGE.

[The ware you mention can be procured at 119 New Bond-street, W.—ED.]

*To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."*

SIR,—In suggesting that books and toys should be sent from a room in which scarlet fever has been nursed, to amuse the patients in a fever hospital, I supposed that common-sense precautions would be observed; and where they are, I cannot agree with "Sister Isolation" that any harm would arise from the practice.

In Leeds, they are sent to the Fever Hospital by means of the van used for conveying bedding, &c., to be disinfected; but even in places where no such means of transit is to be obtained, I think there can be no danger if they are carefully fastened up in a box. It is true that, as "Sister Isolation" observes, the germs of scarlet fever will probably be conveyed with them; but as the box will only be opened inside the Fever Hospital, and the contents removed only to the scarlet fever wards, no great harm will arise therefrom.

I do not myself much believe in the possibility of thoroughly disinfecting toys and books by stoving; neither is there any necessity for them to be exposed to such heat as will "rot" them, if proper precautions are taken, in conveying them from the sick room to the Fever Hospital.—I am, &c., \_\_\_\_\_  
M. HARRIS.

Borough Fever Hospital, Leeds, July 13.

*To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."*

SIR,—In the *Nursing Record* of June 21st there appeared a letter from Miss Twining so important that further attention ought to be directed to it. I allude to the information there given relative to the "District Nursing Association" at Kensington; and we are told that "Nurses have visited, once or twice a day, many cases of persons living in lodgings, flats, and boarding-houses." Miss Twining continues, "I am quite convinced that when once the system of daily visits has become known that it will be extended to the upper classes."

I am sure of it! And this provision of timely Nursing aid ought not to be overlooked, as good things sometimes are! How many a lady, living in a boarding-house or lodgings, when suffering from any short but severe form of illness (neuralgia, for instance, in its severer forms), would esteem it a priceless boon to have a Nurse to care for her, and to do for her the hun-

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