

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

SIR,—Will "Sister Despair" forgive me if I say that I heartily rejoice to find that the county hospitals at least are alive to the importance of good housekeeping? I trust it will not be long before housekeeping is the first qualification for a Matron, Nursing the second. Young women nursing ten hours a day (exclusive of meals), for seven days a week, ought to be amply, and even daintily fed; yet, if common report may be taken, the food provided is so ill-cooked and roughly served, that the Nurses are largely dependent on outside supplies! I could give special and well-authenticated instances from our largest London hospitals; but, alas! the Nurses feel as if it would not be honourable to betray the secrets of their profession. Surely, the more reason why the authorities should look into it.—Yours truly,

A MOTHER.

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SIR,—I should esteem it a great favour if you will kindly inform me through the medium of your paper how I could become a member of the British Nurses' Association, and what the fees would be.—Faithfully yours,

E. PROWETT SMITH,

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MISS MARY GILLIBRAND.—See above answer.

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DR. BLAIR.—1. See above answer. 2. We believe over 800 members. 3. Quite so; merely pique and ill-concealed jealousy.

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