

exquisitely painted in monochrome, ready to be mounted in ivory, or pink-enamelled frames. Several specimens of écailline were on view, well fitted for the decoration of furniture and for the panels of pianofortes. Very charming are the painted blinds which hang in one of the show-rooms. Drain pipes are now "got up" for tennis, with a decoration of rackets, balls, and nets; and chimney-pots are beautifully ornamented and converted into palm-stands. While Mrs. Avant is ready and willing to help ladies by taking them as apprentices and teaching the trade thoroughly, so that later on they may be able to set up business for themselves, she honestly says she does not wish to have anything to do with those who are not resolved to work in a business-like way—that is, rapidly and continuously—turning out so much work, within a given time."

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THE *Times of India* understands that the National Association for supplying Female Medical Aid to the Women of India has recently secured the assistance of the Government of India, on two important points. The services of the Surgeon-General with the Government of India are to be utilised, in advising the association in the selection of employées, whom its agents may propose to engage in England and elsewhere; secondly, the work done by lady doctors and other workers of the association in Dispensaries, Hospitals, and Medical Schools, will be inspected by medical officers, who will report on its character and efficiency.

CORRESPONDENCE

(Notes, Queries, &c.)

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HOUSEHOLD MANAGEMENT.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—I have read in the "Globe" of the 7th instant, the kindly letter of Mr. Brindley, the Chaplain of the Middlesex Hospital, concerning the Nurse who was injured in the late fatal fire in Wigmore Street, and who now lies in the Middlesex Hospital, as he tells us, "with a broken leg, maimed, and bruised." It seems that she lost everything in the fire, clothing, bank book, all her little valuables (which can never be replaced), and her gold watch and chain. Now this seems to me an excellent opportunity for a display of that practical sympathy between Nurses, which is so ably and so often advocated in your columns; and I venture to suggest to the Members of the British Nurses' Association, that it would be a very sisterly act on their part, to replace the lost watch by another, as they all know how inconvenient it is for a private

Nurse to be without one, and how cheering it is to be remembered when one is in trouble. I shall, therefore, be very glad to receive contributions at the address below for this purpose (never mind how small), and to open the subscription list by contributing 10s. 6d.

I remain, yours faithfully,

ETHEL GORDON FENWICK.

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Cumberland.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—There is much common sense in "Ex-Housekeeper's" letter on the Hospital Diet question; but the snipe-like propensities of the Nurses of the last generation, and their disastrous results having become proverbial, I wonder to find her sighing over the inability and disinclination of the more refined women of the present day, to attempt to follow in their wake.—Yours, &c.,

BLUE RIBBON.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—From the correspondence concerning "Sister Despair's" letter, only one fact has been clearly elicited, and that is that Nurses, as a rule, are not satisfied with the diets provided for men, although it is gratifying to read "A Grateful Probationer's" opinion. "Home Sister," and "Thorough"—evidently ladies of experience—both suggest the same remedy, and evidently accept it as a fact that the Matron should be *responsible* for the housekeeping, even if she has a subordinate to carry out her details; and this is wise, as division of power in a public institution only leads to worry and confusion. On the other hand, it would appear from "Justitia's" letter, that it is unreasonable to expect a *Nurse* to understand housekeeping. Now the truth is that all women for the future should *learn* housekeeping, if they are to be considered educated at all—whatever other profession or trade they choose to follow ultimately. A woman who has no knowledge of domestic management is at a great disadvantage when thrown on her own resources in any position in life. But, if she has a thorough knowledge of its details, she is, or can be, independent in any quarter of the globe.—Yours truly, MEDICO.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—If E. H. C. has applied personally to many Matrons of the London Hospitals for admittance to be trained as a Nurse, and has not been accepted on the plea of delicacy of appearance, it will be wisest for her (if she *has* good health) to begin work in the country, where she will at least have the benefit of fresh air, and where the duties are not so arduous. She might apply by letter to the Matrons of several of the general Hospitals of country or sea-side towns, asking for regulations. Thirty-three is not too old to begin training for Private Nursing; although, as a rule, twenty-five is the most appropriate age to enter a Hospital.—Yours, &c.,

EXPERIENCE.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—Within the last year, a library has been instituted for our Nursing Staff on the same plan suggested by "Lady Superintendent," and I believe

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