

who, we are led to believe, was for about three months a paying Probationer at the London Hospital, and has, since then, very appropriately conducted for a time the portion of the *Hospital* newspaper dignified by the name of the "Nursing Mirror"—being responsible for that production, we understand, at the time when it described the members of the Royal British Nurses' Association as "the scum of the Nursing profession" and as women who had "taken refuge in it to obtain pseudo-respectability because they could not get it elsewhere." It is published by the Scientific Press, Limited—very limited—which is chiefly managed by a gentleman on the Stock Exchange. Further explanations or excuses for its inaccuracies are perhaps unnecessary.—Ed.]

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."
Dec. 28th, 1892.

Received from a reader of THE NURSING RECORD, 2/- for the poor old Governess. May Lady Constance Howard, 34, Evelyn Gardens, Cranley Gardens, still plead for more? Anything sent to her for this sad case will be gratefully received.

SALVATION A LA HICKS.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—I have read Miss Philippa Hick's intelligent views on the Registration of Nurses as expressed by the slightly inaccurate gentleman of the St. James's Gazette. They remind me, forcibly, of that good old saying, "We can't all be nice, but we needn't be nasty."—Yours faithfully,

A CONSTANT READER.

[This correspondence must now cease.—Ed.]

Replies to Correspondents.

Miss Greenfield.—We should advise you to order the "Nursing Directory" from this office. The work you allude to is not reliable, and is written by a person totally ignorant of nursing matters apparently, as an effort to re-establish public confidence in the management of the London Hospital Nursing Department. We strongly advise you to enter no Hospital where you will be required to do Private Nursing for the benefit of the institution. The principle is bad, and no good can come of it. Enter a Hospital which thoroughly trains its Probationers by giving them the benefit of three years' practical work in the wards.

Miss Shea Mason.—Your letter is only one of many we have received on the same subject; we regret to say that courtesy is not always extended to the public by women in positions of authority. I feel sure you will not be subjected to rudeness under the present régime. The present official, we have reason to believe, takes a true interest in her sex and in the honourable work.

Sister Dorothy.—Communicate with Mrs. Holmes Spier, 6a Bedford Square, who is the Hon. Sec. to the Nursing Sub-Committee.

Mrs. Holmes.—The best course for your protégée to adopt would be to apply to St. Thomas's, Charing Cross, or the Westminster Hospital, as those Institutions are Training Schools which are willing to admit persons of the domestic servant class as regular Probationers. If she can read and write legibly, she would also be eligible for admission at the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool. The Staff Nurse is the Nurse in charge of a Ward, who works under the Sister, and helps to teach and supervise the Probationers. She may or may not hold her Certificate of Training.

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