

tions. Nurses are now at work at The Curragh, Dublin and Dover, and funds are only required to extend the work to Aldershot, Gosport, and Alverstoke, and other important stations. At Aldershot alone, two or even three Nurses would have more than they could do.

Lady Anne Kerr, wife of the General Officer commanding at The Curragh, writes:—"During the eleven months the Nurse has been at work, 2,226 nursing visits have been paid, and I have been told that the Nurse has great influence for good among the families she visits."

The Medical Officer in charge of the families in camp, says:—"I can scarcely speak in too high praise of the valuable work which the Nurse has done since her arrival in camp, and I consider that such a Nurse is of the greatest advantage in the treatment of illness among the soldiers' families."

The Superintendent of the Irish Branch of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, in her inspection report, adds:—"The Nursing Branch of the Association has already become one of the most useful and popular institutions in the camp."

Such is the testimony of the work of one Nurse only, notwithstanding all the difficulties and prejudices attendant on the introduction of so novel a scheme in connection with the services. May I earnestly and with confidence ask for your support to continue and extend this valuable and much needed work.—Believe me, very faithfully yours,

JAMES GILDEA, COLONEL,
*Chairman of the Executive Committee and Treasurer of
the Soldiers and Sailors' Families' Association.*

7, Knaresborough Place, S.W.

[We gladly publish Colonel Gildea's letter, feeling sure that it will interest the patriotic section (and we hope they are in the majority) of our readers.—Ed.]

REPLIES.

We have received letters from her colleagues concerning the sad case, previously alluded to, of Nurse Maria Van der Ben, who is 60 next birthday, and who is a confirmed invalid owing to having strained her back when on duty, with the subsequent development of severe lateral curvature of the spine. Nurse Van der Ben is a candidate for admission to the Incurable Hospital at Putney, and she needs every vote she can procure at the next election, which takes place on May the 3rd, at the Cannon Street Hotel. To procure votes costs money, and any little sum will be gladly received, and receipted on her behalf, by the Editor, 20, Upper Wimpole Street, W., or by the Matron of St. Cyprien's Home, 4, North Bank, Regent's Park, W.

Miss Landale, Edinburgh.—Many thanks for kind consent. Remuneration as you mention. We have always held your opinion concerning a Scottish Branch. Will you let us have name of paper for notice in next issue? From correspondence received, professional interest in the work of the R.B.N.A. is as great in the colonies and America as at home.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

- A. Mrs. Roberts-Austen (with enclosure); Miss Annesley, Kingston; Nurse Amy, London (with enclosure).
- B. Miss Bower, Hampstead; M. Beresford, Birmingham (with enclosure).
- C. Miss Convolly, Bath (with enclosure).
- G. Mrs. Gordon, London (with enclosure).
- H. Home Sister, London (with enclosure).
- L. Miss Landale, Edinburgh.
- M. Miss Mostyn, Swansea (with enclosure).
- P. Miss J. Perkins, Bradford.
- R. Mrs. Rose, London (with enclosure).
- S. Miss Rose Symmonds, Broadstairs.
- T. Miss Taplow, Dublin; Miss J. Tomkins, Cape Town; Miss Tweed, Paris.
- W. Miss Wilkins, Reading (with enclosure).

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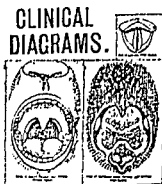
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