

the same breadth of sympathy and tolerant kindliness as the older woman, who has seen more of the world, and has been brought face to face with its realities and tragedies.

Sincerely yours,
A NURSE OF THIRTY-SIX.

SISTERS' SITTING-ROOMS.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—I think we cannot allow Miss Mollett's letters on the above subject to close without expressing to her our united thanks for the eloquence with which she has pleaded the cause of our sitting-rooms.

Sisters with and Sisters without sitting-rooms alike should be grateful. Because many of us who have rooms so frequently hear arguments brought against our possession of these so-called "luxuries"—but which, to my mind, are necessary to the work we have to do. While those Sisters who are not already the owners of a little "den," will recognise that Miss Mollett has pleaded their cause right nobly. Again I would wish to thank her.

Sincerely yours,
A SISTER WITH A ROOM.

POST-GRADUATE LECTURES.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—Nothing has been done of more value to Nurses lately than the inauguration by the "Matrons' Council" of practical demonstrations, by which means the best methods of modern Nursing can be brought before those, like myself, who have been for some time out of Hospital work. It appears to me that it is a departure which might be extended with the utmost advantage to the whole Nursing profession. Educated in one Nursing school, is it not possible still for a Nurse to be ignorant of many valuable methods of work, many useful details of special Nursing, which are in vogue at another Hospital? and with the help of practical demonstrations—especially of new treatment and appliances as they appear—would it not be possible to greatly increase one's knowledge? I sincerely hope that others will appreciate as much as I do this effort on the part of our Matrons to help us in our work. The sympathy and encouragement of those in positions of authority in the Nursing world for those in the ranks, is a very hopeful sign.

With congratulations upon the improved appearance and contents of the RECORD,

I am, yours gratefully,
AGNES ROSS.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—Will you kindly let me know through the NURSING RECORD if there is any chance of the Royal British Nurses' Association starting again their lectures for intending Probationers before Easter, or any time this year. In the NURSING RECORD some weeks ago, it was stated that the Royal British Nurses' Association had decided to continue their lectures. The Nursing course was so excellent that I have been looking eagerly for some more on other subjects. I wish to find some really good practical lectures on "Hygiene." Can you tell me of any at a moderate price?

I must just tell you how much I value the NURSING RECORD. I have taken it now for seven years, and find it immensely improved, and always improving since you have been Editor.

Yours sincerely,
E. M. W.

Wimbledon, January 2nd, 1896.

[We have received a good many enquiries similar to those of E. M. W. as to what the Royal British Nurses' Association intends doing in the way of providing for the

professional desire on the part of Nurses to increase their knowledge and keep up to date in their work. From a recent decision it would appear as if many of the purposes for which the Charter was granted are not likely to be organized at present. But we understand the matter is under consideration by another Nursing Society. Meanwhile, for the course of Lectures on Hygiene we would refer E. M. W. to a series of ten lectures which are about to be delivered by an excellent teacher, Dr. Wynter Blyth, at Toynbee Hall, Whitechapel.—ED.]

ENDOWED BEDS FOR NURSES.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

MADAM,—It is a common thing, as we know, for various Societies to endow beds in Hospitals, so that, if any of their members are ill, they can have the care, Nursing and treatment which they require. And it seems to me so strange that no individual has ever—so far as I know—endowed beds in any Hospital for the exclusive use of sick Nurses. Considering how much of their youth, health and energy Nurses bestow on the sick, it is very remarkable that no provision is made for them when they in their turn are laid low. Of course, I am not speaking now of Nurses engaged in Hospital work, because these are always well looked after in their own institutions. I am thinking of the large and ever-increasing number of private Nurses, who when they are ill—and frequently the cause of their illness is too much devotion to a patient—are often so terribly uncomfortable and badly cared for in lodgings. Surely it would not be too much to ask that some metropolitan Hospital would set aside a small ward, and reserve it for the exclusive use of sick Nurses. It would indeed be a boon for hundreds of private Nurses working in London, to feel that in case of illness they had a comfortable shelter provided, and good care ensured to them, without the terrible drain on their resources which illness in lodgings entails. I feel very confident that if any London Hospital would take up this question and appeal for a certain sum to endow a small ward—say of five beds—to be called the "Nurses' Ward," there would be no difficulty whatever in soon raising the necessary funds.

Now I am quite aware that, in discussing my suggestion, it is quite possible that some exception will be taken to the scheme on the ground that Nurses do not want charity. Now, on my part, I would meet the objection before it is made, by saying that I do not regard it as charity. I regard it more or less as a due that the Nurse who spends so many years of her life, and expends so much of her strength on the care of the sick, should on her part receive the same attention that she has so freely given. One can, without much imagination, picture to oneself what a delightful little home this Nurses' ward might prove, and what a privilege it would be considered for those who had the post of caring for their sick and fellow-Nurses. I shall be extremely grateful if Matrons and Nurses will write to the RECORD and give the matter a full discussion. If there is any work already being carried on in this direction for the benefit of Nurses I shall be very glad to hear of it; but specially I hope that there will be a good many letters on a subject which so materially affects the welfare and comfort of Nurses.

Sincerely yours,
A SYMPATHISER WITH SICK NURSES.

Comments and Replies.

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Miss T. B. Holloway.—It is absolutely essential that you should gain a three years' certificate before you can join the Registered Nurses' Society. It would entirely destroy the principle of Registration were a Nurse with only one year's training to be admitted, even if she had followed your suggestion of "attending coaching classes." We should strongly

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