

co-operative basis, such a basis as is adopted by provident dispensaries, which supply medical attendance in return for a small payment made regularly both in health and sickness, the charge can be reduced to a nominal sum, which is no longer felt to be a burden. Instead, therefore, of being "a most ill-advised and regrettable measure," the policy you allude to has much to justify it, while it tends to promote a habit of thrift and self-reliance amongst our industrial population.

I am, dear Madam,
Yours truly,
JAMESON B. HURRY, M.D.

Abbotsbrook, Reading.
16th October, 1898.

[We have referred Dr. Hurry to the Secretary of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for information on this point.—ED.]

A PLEA FOR EQUALITY.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—Will you kindly spare me space to say how grieved I am to have occasion to blush for one of my own countrywomen. Surely the writer of "A English Girl's" letter must stand alone in such utter lack of courtesy and Christian principle—at least I hope so. Sincerely do I applaud Miss Woodbine's courage and resolution and hope every success will attend her efforts. Certainly if I were a "Pro" again I should prefer to take orders from one with such qualities and steadfastness of purpose as Miss Woodbine must possess, and should consider it a far greater insult "to be put to work on an equality—let alone under," one holding such narrow views as the writer. I am a Registered Nurse, and have had much experience in teaching and training and know which I should prefer for a probationer if I required one.

Yours faithfully,
AN ENGLISH SISTER,

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—It is with deep sorrow and great indignation that one reads the letter from "A English Girl" in last week's issue of the NURSING RECORD.

Should Miss Woodbine chance to see that letter, what would her feelings be towards her English Sisters? We are proud to call ourselves a Christian nation; I am afraid our Christianity does not go very far when one can express such unjust and unfeeling remarks as "A English Girl" has done in that letter of hers. All honour and praise are due to Miss Woodbine who has shown such courage and determination in coming to England to gain her certificate. That she may soon find some Matron who will kindly take her and offer her the position she desires is the sincere wish of

AN ENGLISH NURSE.

DRESS AND DISCIPLINE.

To the Editor of the "Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—I am very glad that our professional organ rings true (as indeed it does on all nursing questions) on the question of out-door uniform. The

advantages of a professional dress are, to my mind, numerous; and if, as your correspondent—"Neat not Gaudy"—remarks, we are careful to select a neat and sober uniform, we need have no fear of being confounded with those persons who wear it "to attract." There can be no doubt, whatever, I think, that the adoption of a uniform by the nurses of an institution stimulates *esprit de corps* and *camaraderie*. Also, it makes all the difference, often, as to whether one goes out or not, if one has simply to don a bonnet and cloak. If one has to change into what are known in hospital parlance as "worldly clothes," by the time one has hunted out a clean shirt, collar and cuffs, necktie, &c., and repaired the ravages in the way of broken buttons, and torn strings, of the hospital laundry, it seems scarcely worth while to go out at all. Then again, there is no doubt as you say, that uniform gives at once a status and official position which it would be difficult, indeed, well nigh impossible, to attain in any other way. No, I think some other way—better than that of depriving trained nurses of the uniform to which they have a right—must be found of dealing with the abuse of it.—Faithfully yours,

"COMMON SENSE."

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—Surely the description given in your last week's issue of the NURSING RECORD by "Neat not Gaudy," is very much exaggerated. From the tone of the letter, I am afraid the writer has not had the privilege of meeting many nurses.

Certainly the women described as wearing "Skittish Top Knots" on erections of "Fluffy Hair," are not the women we know as fellow nurses.

When such unjust charges are brought against us, it behoves us to speak up. In spite of all the fault-finding of our uniform, and the way in which we wear it, I am still proud to be

A WEARER.

[This subject is one of the utmost importance to the Nursing profession. We comment upon it, in another column, this week, and shall be glad to hear the opinions of our readers upon the matter. It is certain that those who value the good name of their calling, must combine to protect its uniform from the constant and deep disgrace in which the latter is now being dragged.—ED.]

MATERNITY TRAINING.

To the Editor of the "Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—"Progress" is on the right lines, I think, when she suggests that obstetric training should be included in a nurse's curriculum. We are familiar with the suggestion that a Bill for the Registration of Nurses should be brought before the Houses of Parliament, we are hoping for it, and more, many of us will never be satisfied until we get it. The lines upon which such a Bill should be drawn up would be, surely, that it should follow those laid down as required of the medical profession, and that therefore the Bill should be, as indeed has already been suggested, for the registration of medical,

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