

CORRESPONDENCE.

(Notes, Queries, &c.)

* * * WHILST CORDIALLY INVITING COMMUNICATIONS UPON ALL SUBJECTS FOR THESE COLUMNS, WE WISH IT TO BE DISTINCTLY UNDERSTOOD THAT WE DO NOT IN ANY WAY HOLD OURSELVES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OPINIONS EXPRESSED BY CORRESPONDENTS.

DERBYSHIRE NURSING AND SANITARY ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—I note in your interesting *Nursing Record* for July 18, an account of the work of the Derby and Derbyshire Nursing and Sanitary Association. Unfortunately, the newspaper report forwarded by some person to you had in it a very stupid mistake—the omission of one figure, but that figure meant one thousand. "Six hundred and fifty-one weeks of Nursing in four hundred and nineteen families" would mean that each Nurse remained on an average not quite eleven days; whereas one thousand six hundred and fifty-one weeks means each Nurse remaining not quite twenty-eight days. I am glad also to point out that the hard-working and deserving (not ladies but) Nurses, who *have done so much towards the success of the Institution* (the italics are mine), received from the person best qualified to give it due and proper acknowledgment. I enclose the report as given by another newspaper, with the comment of the editor, which having been unsolicited is the more gratifying.

WILLIAM OGLE

(Hon. Sec. for twenty-four years.)

Derby, July 23, 1889.

[We are greatly obliged to Dr. Ogle for kindly drawing our attention to this matter, also for his correction, as well as for forwarding us a fuller account of the proceedings as given by another paper, and we have much pleasure in here giving further publicity to the following expression of thanks which were awarded to the Nursing Staff who have done so much towards the great success of the Institution.—ED.]

"The thanks of the committee were due to Miss Woodhead, the Lady Superintendent, for her constant care, skilful management, and devotion to the work, and she, on her part, wished the valuable help of Miss Farnall, her assistant, and *locum tenens* when absent, should be specially acknowledged. She also thankfully reported that the work of the Nurses, whether in attendance on the rich or the poor, and of whatever kind, Medical, Surgical, monthly, fever, mental and massage, had never been more satisfactory and reliable than it had been during the past year."

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—I have a daughter between eighteen and nineteen years of age, strong, kind, firm will, patient, domesticated (a Catholic), who is very anxious to follow the calling of a Nurse. I have passed through several severe illnesses and can speak for her careful attention. Can you inform me what steps I ought to

adopt to further her wishes? Apologising for the trouble and thanking you in anticipation, I enclose my card.—Yours faithfully,

NURSE.

[The competition for every vacancy at every Hospital is most keen, and as a rule no one under twenty-two is admitted for training at any Institution. You might write to the Matrons of the Children's Hospitals at Pendlebury, near Manchester; at Nottingham; or at Aberdeen; or write to Miss Godolphin Osborne, Midland Counties' Home, Leamington; she might be able to help you.—ED.]

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—Can you, through the medium of your valuable paper, tell me if I can get free training as Monthly Nurse at any Institution in or near London? I have had a year's training in a General Hospital. I shall be glad of any information. A CONSTANT READER.

[Apply to Matrons of Queen Charlotte's Hospital, Marylebone Road, N.W.; or British Lying-In Hospital, Endell Street, W.C.; or City Road Lying-In Hospital, E.C.—ED.]

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—I much regret not having had time to write a contribution for the Prize Essay, as although I see every reason for the Members of the B.N.A. to have a badge of their own, I fail to see any reason against it, and I sincerely hope that before long we shall be able to let the world see what association we belong to.—Yours truly,

E. M. S.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—I would be much obliged if you would kindly inform me the steps it is necessary for a duly-qualified lady Nurse to take in order to get a Nursing appointment in India, *e.g.*, Lady Roberts' Nurses; also what are the qualifications required, *e.g.*, is a knowledge of Dispensing required?—Yours obediently,

[Write to the Secretary of State for India, or to Lady Superintendent, Lady Roberts' Home, Murree, India.—ED.]

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—I should like to draw the attention of the public to the thoroughly honourable, straightforward, noble and Christian article on "Registration," which appeared in your issue of July 4th, by Miss Wood, that I should think will shame the enemies of the scheme. Would that they might take a leaf from her book, which teaches courtesy and no malice.—Yours truly,

C. S.

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Enerolf.—You must forward us your real name and address, as well as your *nom de plume*. See rules.

Nurse K.—We are sorry not to be able to supply you with the information at present. We shall have to leave it for a few weeks.

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