

and Miss J. F. Charles, Hillside, Southwood Lane, Highgate, who will send further particulars of the Home and the fifth annual report of the Society to anyone wishing for them; or may be paid into the Santa Claus Society's account at the Holloway branch of the London and County Bank, Holloway Road, N.—We are, Sir, yours faithfully,

EDITH W. CURNO,
Matron of the North-Eastern Hospital for
Children, Shoreditch.

HELEN DAVIES,
Late Sister of Guy's Hospital.

ELLEN M. GREENSTREET,
Sister of Mark Ward, St. Bartholomew's Hos-
pital.

FRANCES HOLE,
Matron of the National Orthopædic Hospital,
Great Portland Street.

MARY F. E. HOPE,
Late Sister of the Hospital for Sick Children,
Great Ormond Street.

MARY HULL,
Matron of the Great Northern Central
Hospital.

E. B. LAISHLEY,
Late Lady Superintendent of Cromwell House,
Highgate.

S. DE LUTTICHAU,
Superintendent of Nursing, North London
Nursing Association, 413, HOLLOWAY
ROAD, N.

K. S. MEYER,
Deputy Superintendent of Nursing, North
London Nursing Association, 413,
HOLLOWAY ROAD, N.

CATH. J. WOOD,
Late Lady Superintendent of the Hospital for
Sick Children, Great Ormond Street.

MRS. DUYCK.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—I thank you for the six votes you kindly sent me, also for the sum of two shillings and sixpence sent by a "Widow" for me, which please insert for me in your *Nursing Record*. I have just received, by the six o'clock post this evening, the result of the election last Thursday:—Sarah Duyck, five hundred and four votes. I sent up to the office eighty-two votes; ninety-one were sent to the office, which makes one hundred and seventy-three votes polled this election. Slow work, is it not? I feel very disappointed. Eight hundred and forty-six votes were the lowest that had the pension.—I am, Sir, yours most respectfully,

179, Milkwood Road, SARAH DUYCK.
Herne Hill, S.E., May 12.

[We most cordially sympathise with our correspondent, but *nil desperandum* should be her motto.—ED.]

A GRIEVANCE.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—I am glad to notice that there are others besides myself who have felt disappointed at not seeing a report of the meeting of the General Council of the B.N.A.

The Members would glean very sparsely of tidings of their Association were they not subscribers to the *Nursing Record*. All the information I obtain is from the journal I have named. I feel sure the majority of Members are unable to attend the meetings, lectures, &c. Are they to remain in ignorance? Surely it is quite an oversight on the part of the leaders of the B.N.A. that its meetings, &c., are not reported in all the leading Medical and Nursing journals for the benefit of its Members. If I may add, I think the time has come when, as you suggested in your "Editorial" of last week, No. 107 (may I use your words? They are as follows), "We cannot but think that the Association would very greatly enhance its usefulness to its Members, and even its own popularity and strength, if it could gain a paper de-

voted to its own interests in either one or other of these ways. Indeed, we cannot believe that the Association can ever be perfectly successful in binding its Members together, scattered as they are all over the world, without such means of inter-communication as an official journal."

Considering the matter deeply, it would be well for the Association to adopt a journal (*Nursing Record*) for its reports to be fully reported therein, if only for those Members who are unable to attend its meetings, &c.

It is hardly policy for Members to find fault with the B.N.A., considering the many attacks which have been made upon it by outsiders. Still I trust this correspondence will be to the interests of Members in laying down the grievance they complain of, and gaining a journal devoted to the interests of the B.N.A. and its Members.—I am, yours faithfully,

MARY JOHNSON, M. B. N. A.

[We have received several other communications to the same effect, but space will not permit us to insert them all. We can only say that, as far as we are personally concerned, we are always ready and willing to place our columns at the disposal of the B.N.A. for the purpose of exhibiting its reports, &c.; and until the B.N.A. can spare at least £1,500 out of its funds to found a journal, we should strongly advise its Council—although we most cordially support the suggestion which recently appeared in our leading article—not to touch or venture upon publishing on its own account.—ED.]

NIPPLE SHIELDS, NURSES' MANNERS, AND
SIMPLE CHRISTIANITY.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—I notice in the article on "Duties during Lactation" the writer mentions shields as of great service in preventing tender or sore nipples. Will you allow me to say that after many years' experience I have found nothing so certain, cleanly and inexpensive as Wansborough's Metallic Shields? I usually bore a hole through the edge of each, pass a narrow tape about three-quarters of a yard long through, then make a knot at each end and place them on the nipples soon after delivery. There is nothing more to be done but wipe the nipple before applying the infant.

I have also read A. Crook's letter on "Nurses and Their Manners." I have never met any of the kind therein described, but I could say a good deal about Doctors' manners to Nurses, but trust an abler pen than mine will deal with that subject. I may say, however, that I have often been indignant and disgusted by the manners of some great Doctors to myself and other Private Nurses, especially when I have contrasted those manners with the "obsequious" manner to the patient and friends.

Then as to "Simple Christianity." Anything more un-Christian or more uncharitable I have never read. There is throughout the letter not one grain of that "charity that thinketh no evil." Just fancy urging all preachers to din into the ears of their people the necessity of playing spy upon the women who give their best years (for an almost nominal payment) to labours such as those performed by the Sick Nurse. I am not a Sick Nurse, but I know something of what they pass through. Is there, I ask, the spirit of the Master there—the love that thinketh no evil?—I am, Sir, your obedient Servant,

A MONTHLY NURSE.

[We have taken the liberty of erasing one sentence of the above letter.—ED.]

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Nurse Elizabeth.—You do not furnish us with your real name and address.

Miss Wilson.—Thanks for cutting.

Miss Constance Brookes.—We have tried in vain to obtain the information you require.

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