



Letters to the Editor.

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 our correspondents.

We shall be happy to answer, as far as we can, all questions submitted to us.

BAKSHEESH.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—Having been in the Nursing profession for twelve years, I would like to say a few words on the subject of "Baksheesh." It seems to me strange that Nurses should join in giving presents to their Superintendents and others, and then write complaining letters on the subject. The only way we Nurses can show our appreciation of those over us—next to being loyal to them—is to give this "baksheesh." I think no one would wish them to give unwillingly, neither could the recipients care to accept such gifts. During my twelve years of varied work I have never been worried to subscribe to gifts; but when asked to do so have done so gladly, and may say this for many of my colleagues. Our Superintendents, Matrons, and other officials help us in our work by providing comforts, and making our Hospitals and Homes home-like; surely, then, we Nurses may do this little

for those who do so much for us. It is very noticeable that Nurses will spend large sums on confectionery, theatres, and other luxuries. Do we ever hear about these? I think the Nurses who are "penniless," and with only sufficient "to pay their washing and buy stamps," would do better by not joining in giving "baksheesh."—Yours faithfully,  
A NURSE AND SISTER OF TWELVE YEARS.

THE RELIGIOUS EMANCIPATION OF NURSES.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—Will you be good enough to grant me space for the insertion of the following extracts, culled from the *Catholic Times* and *Catholic Opinion* of the 15th ult., touching which allusion has already been made in your Correspondence columns, and which might be of interest to some of your readers.

"Virtue and knowledge are greater than nobleness and riches," they say; and righteousness and truth shall win the day. And, be it remembered, the moment a woman, "clad in the complete steel" of chastity, innocent of self-seeking or personal intrigue, falls into the ranks on the side of "righteousness and truth," whole-heartedly devoted to the public good, and takes her place in the Board of Guardians, or in the School Board, all rudeness of speech ceases, jobbery hides its face for shame, and administration, though formerly corrupt and partial, begins to be reformed. Indeed, it is highly gratifying to all concerned to learn that examples of this purifying influence are multiplying, and this in proportion as women workers are increasing in numbers.

Miss Adam is personally unknown to me, yet I would cordially congratulate her upon her loyalty to her convictions; for, I take it, in this last decade of the nineteenth century, Matrons and Nurses have as much right to

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