



## 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.*

### THE LONDON HOSPITAL.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—I am informed that the Colonial Office has appointed some Nurses from the London Hospital to proceed as Head Nurses to the Hospitals of Gibraltar and Hong-Kong. I have relatives at both stations, and knowing the custom of the London Hospital to advertise thoroughly-trained Nurses and send out their mere Probationers instead, I should like a few details, if possible, concerning the qualifications of these ladies, in order that I may feel as satisfied of their excellence as the Colonial Office apparently does.—I am, Sir, faithfully yours,

LT.-COLONEL.

[We advise our distinguished correspondent to apply to the Colonial Office for information. Of one fact he may rest satisfied. The Nurses will do their duties to the very best of their abilities. It is not their fault that such scandals exist.—ED.]

## Replies to Correspondents.

*Miss Balham.*—Considering your age, we should advise you to apply to a Children's Hospital. Excellent training is to be obtained at Nottingham. As you have our series, get "A Manual of Medical and Surgical Nursing," by Mr. Lawrence Humphry; also Miss Catherine Wood's works.

*Miss Bailey.*—If "flat foot" is general in the Hospital in which you are working, it is a proof that the hours are too long and the work too laborious. Consult a Surgeon.

*Mrs. V. M.*—We quite agree with you. No meals should be taken by Nurses in a sick Ward. We can quite understand your distaste for food under such circumstances. In a well-organised Institution it would not be permitted. Supper at 9.30 in a state of exhaustion is also most unhealthy, and we can suggest no remedy save rational feeding for your ailment. We think the list of viands you enclose thoroughly unnutritious and unsuitable for working women. We cannot sympathise with your silence under existing circumstances. It is your duty to others, both patients and Nurses, to *speak out*. Believe us, the true reason of your silence is *lack of moral courage, and self-interest*, not loyalty and devotion to the Hospital, as you imagine. You can only be *loyal* to what is right.

*Sister Catherine* (Birmingham).—We will keep you *au courant* with the progress of events. We imagine the premiums of the Royal National Pension Fund will have to be reduced to the same prices as those offered by the Prudential Company; otherwise the prospectus must be altered, stating why the charges are so much higher.

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