

I AM asked by Mr. EDITOR to state that in consequence of the rapidly-increasing circulation and success of this Journal it has been found necessary to take larger and more commodious offices, and that therefore, on and after April 11, *The Record* will be published at 376, Strand. In reply to many inquiries I am asked also to state that the price of this Journal will remain one penny, although it will be considerably enlarged and extended as time goes on. It is a very significant sign when the price of a Journal has to be raised in order to make both ends meet.

THE anniversary banquet of the Little Boys' Homes at Farningham, Surrey, and Swanley, Kent, was held on Saturday, March 19, under the Presidency of the EARL OF ABERDEEN, President of the Homes, at the Hotel Metropole. About two hundred patrons and friends were present, and the noble Earl made an earnest appeal for annual subscriptions to this most deserving Charity, which entirely provides for and educates three hundred lads at Farningham, and two hundred more at Swanley; that their education is a sound one (both technically and generally), is shown by the fact that for six years past the schools have earned the Government grant, whilst one lad has obtained honours and two others Second-class Certificates in practical printing at the technical examinations of the City and Guilds of London. The cottage Home system is the one followed, each cottage having thirty boys under a caretaker and wife, various trades being taught; one lad, who had learned tailoring, and who had just left the Home, obtaining a situation at thirty shillings weekly in a neighbouring town. Funds are much needed. 10s. 6d. per annum entitles the donor to two votes at each election, and 21s. to four votes, and so on in proportion. Any of our readers who can afford to spare 10s. 6d. or 21s. yearly, may do far worse than send it to Mr. B. Clarke, the indefatigable Secretary, Bank Buildings, Ludgate Circus, E.C.

I AM glad to hear that a very important and successful meeting was held on the 25th inst., at Aberdeen, to form a District Nursing Association for that town. Miss LUMSDEN and Miss KATHERINE LUMSDEN, the greatly-respected Honorary Lady Superintendents of the Royal Infirmary and the Children's Hospital, have, I learn, taken the initiative in this much-needed movement. I doubt not that, under such auspices, a great measure of success will soon be achieved. It is intended to affiliate the new Association with the Jubilee Institute, and in this connection one of the speakers, I notice, made the following characteristic remarks: "The

St. Catherine's Hospital, which HER MAJESTY had used for this purpose, was founded by a very noble Scotchwoman, the daughter of our good Queen MARGARET—the good Queen MAUD, wife of HENRY BEAUCLERK—so that it was a Scotch institution coming back to Scotland."

THE annual banquet of the Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children was held on Friday evening last, at the Hôtel Metropole, the LORD CHANCELLOR (LORD HALSBURY) presiding. About two hundred supporters and friends attended, and the LORD CHANCELLOR, in the course of an earnest appeal for assistance, mentioned the fact which he rightly characterised as a very painful one, that for every child admitted to the Hospital three had to be sent away. That this state of things should exist is a scandal, and we sincerely trust that the appeal of the Chairman for funds will meet with that hearty response which the good work done by this Institution so richly deserves, the more especially as now that the new wing is nearly completed, fresh funds are absolutely necessary before it can be opened. The Committee earnestly appeal for funds for that purpose, and we hope they will not appeal in vain. Any information required will be readily given by the energetic Secretary, ADRIAN HOPE, Esq., to whom contributions may be sent at the Hospital, Great Ormond Street, London, W.C.

MR. EDITOR informs me that recently he had occasion to advertise (two insertions only) in *The Daily Telegraph*, for someone to undertake at home the writing of about 2,000 letters of 100 words each. No less than 1,495 replies were received from all sorts and conditions of people from all over the United Kingdom: out of these one came without an address, seven were wrongly addressed, 44 were from employées in firms or Government offices, who unblushingly used their employer's stationery—as a certain Hospital Secretary does for his own personal and private correspondence—one was from a gentleman who said "he was very idle, but thought the work might suit him," one from a medical man, two from clergymen, and the rest from various ladies and gentlemen. Out of the 1,495, about 160 only wrote what might truthfully be termed a neat hand, and but three really wrote well. Most of the letters contained bad spelling, the commonest faults being *garrantee* for guarantee, *hoping* for hoping, *principles* for principals, and so on. The largest number of the replies were received from Essex; and the terms asked were from the ridiculously low price of one penny per dozen letters to the equally absurd charge of two guineas.

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