



## 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.*

### WANTED—A GOOD HOME HOSPITAL.

*To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."*

Sir,—May I, through your Journal, speak to the readers of *The Nursing Record* of a sadly-needed want, I believe, in Cape Town and suburbs—viz., a properly-managed Home Hospital for private patients? Of course there are Hospitals here, and also Trained Nurses can be had for sickness at home; but there seems to be no Home where patients may go in any illness and be sure of good nursing. We do not want such a Home as one of your correspondents a short time ago described. I fully sympathise with anyone who has had a rough sort of treatment palmed off on to them for trained nursing; but if I am not wrong, I believe some one who has had a thorough training in a Hospital as Nurse, and experience in managing a Home, would do well to start out here such an Institution as I describe. I do not profess to know how the management is usually carried on, but if the charge, say, was from £2 2s. a week without medical

attendance, or, better still, in order to get the Home in working order, let the Matron appeal to one or two medical men to give their services for the first year, and then make the fee inclusive of medical attendance, but not too high, for that is the mistake so often made—viz., that these Homes are quite beyond the reach of the means of those who only have very small incomes, and so they must either go to a public Hospital or stay at home and often get very indifferent nursing. If I am wrong, and there is such a Home in Cape Town, I hope this will meet the eye of the one who manages it, and she will reply in your paper to my letter.—Excuse my troubling you, and believe me, yours faithfully,  
Cape Town.

HOME.

[We desire to emphasise in this case the notice at the head of this column.—ED.]

## Replies to Correspondents.

*Inquirer* (Cromwell Road).—It is a question which we are quite unable to answer; we should imagine from the autocratic tone of the letter that both gentlemen have at least passed through the entire curriculum of a Nurse's training, and have now arrived at the Matron stage. Nothing but *personal experience* can qualify persons to publicly express decided opinions upon *professional* matters. We were under the impression that Miss Louisa Gordon was the Matron, but we imagine the two offices have been amalgamated.

*Miss Blake*.—As the Charter has been applied for, so that the whole question may be most publicly investigated before the Privy Council, we imagine that the Association will not enter into any controversy in the papers. Both sides will have the benefit of being represented by Counsel.

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