

taken into consideration that she has to provide part of her uniform and pay for her washing, no wonder there is little left to invest for future needs.—Yours truly,

AN INSOLVENT SISTER.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—I feel sure there are numbers of Nurses to whom it is a very great pleasure to combine and present an admired and beloved superior with a token of their goodwill and affection, and it seems to me it would be far more sensible on the part of "Penniless Pros." to honestly say they cannot afford to contribute than to borrow money for the purpose, and then whine in the public papers. Ours is a small Hospital, and I can only say one of our chief pleasures on Christmas Day was giving our Matron a little offering of gratitude, which could in no way repay her for her kindness and care.—I remain, Sir, yours truly,

A CHEERFUL GIVER.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—"Baksheesh" has "caught on." I have seen your timely annotation quoted in three papers during the past week. It is to be hoped it will meet the eye of many Hospital Governors. I have also read in the weeklies of the munificence of the charitable, under the heading, "Christmas Day at the Hospitals," "Beautifully decorated wards" "Wards adorned by a wealth of flowers," "Tea tables weighed down with an abundance of toothsome dainties." It is not made clear that "the charitable" consists of Nurses and Students, as in our Hospital, with the exception of toys from *Truth*, everything was paid for by the Resident Staff. Many of us gladly spent our last shilling to make the patients happy; all the same, the principle is wrong, and, like many other things, requires righting.—Yours, STAFF NURSE.

NURSES' HOLIDAYS.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—My attention has been drawn to your kindly paragraph suggesting that the Governors of the London Hospital shall grant the Sisters leave of absence from Saturday to Monday once a month, a privilege enjoyed by the Sisters of other large London Hospitals, and I beg to inform you that during my residence at the London Hospital the Sisters deputed one of their number (whose name I enclose) to ask the Matron to lay their united request for such leave before the Committee. This she refused to do, and I don't suppose the Committee have heard of the episode from that day to this. Her refusal was considered all the more unjustifiable, as she herself was off duty every Saturday to Monday. Had the request been granted, it would, of course, have entailed considerable reorganisation in the Wards, so that a responsible thoroughly-trained Nurse could have been left on duty during the Sister's absence, as in many of the divisions uncertificated Probationers only were on Staff duty. I have watched the course of events at the London since the *exposé* with great interest, and the Reform Party have my sincere sympathy.—I am, Sir, yours,


A LATE LONDON HOSPITAL SISTER.

HOME HOSPITALS.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—Before the subject of Home Hospitals is banished from your instructive columns, I should like to make a few remarks on the subject. A Nursing Home, which advertises very widely, is conducted upon extraordinary lines, to judge from personal experience and its published report. Having undergone a small operation in this Home, and having paid upwards of eight guineas a week for room and attendance,

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