

crushed in an accident. During his administrations, the Surgeon entered the Ward, and the old woman hurriedly interrupted the prayers with: "Och! Father dear, here's the docthor; and will ye jist pray for me soul outside; it's not half so pressin' as me terrible leg."—Yours truly,  
A STUDENT.

## HOME HOSPITALS.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Dear Sir,—I had no idea, when first addressing a letter to you, that I should be so greatly indebted to you and your correspondents as I am. It may interest your readers, especially "Matrona," to know that I have opened my "Home Hospital," and that I have, as far as possible, organised it upon her excellent advice. Of course, working in the country makes some difference necessary. I should much like a little information about linen and other household necessaries, and the quantities of stores required per head. Now that I have left London *The Nursing Record* has become an *absolute necessity*.—Yours very gratefully,  
SISTER CATHERINE.

## THE R.B.N.A. PENSION FUND.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—Your correspondent, "Fairplay," seems unacquainted with the meaning of the *nom de plume* which she has assumed. "Fair-play" at an election by ballot forbids anything like the attempt made to influence the votes of the electors through your columns, "Fair-play" to the officials responsible for the conduct of the same would give them credit for upright and scrupulous dealing in the interest of the candidates, "Fair-play" towards the *candidates* demands that their friends should help them so to prepare the

statement of their case that every essential detail should be in the hands of the officials who prepare the balloting paper; and "fair-play" to the officials is hardly evident in a letter which insinuates that facts which ought to have been placed before the electors in the one case have been suppressed, and in the other unduly amplified. I have yet to learn that it is the duty of the compiler of a balloting paper to place any information on the same, other than that furnished by the respective candidates or their friends. The whole letter favours the art of wire-pulling.—I am, Sir, obediently yours,  
C. J. WOOD, Hon. Sec., R.B.N.A.

## Replies to Correspondents.

LETTERS from *Miss Collins, A Medical Superintendent*, and *M.R.B.N.A.* shall appear in due course. We much regret that we have a considerable number of letters unavoidably standing over.

*Nurse Amy Bartlett*.—If she is a Member of the R.B.N.A., of course, she could apply for one of its Pensions, or for a grant of money. If not, the United Kingdom Benevolent Association, Berners Street, W., might be applied to; or the British Home for Incurables, 71, Cheapside, E.C.; or the Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund, at the same address.

READERS of *The Nursing Record* who are desirous of further information respecting the great American Exhibition, will shortly be able to obtain a book, drawn up by the English Royal Commission, for the guidance of exhibitors, and published by Messrs. William Clowes and Sons, 13, Charing Cross. The first meeting of the Committee on women's work will be held under the presidency of Princess Christian early in February.

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