



Letters to the Editor.

(Notes, Queries, &c.)

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To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

HOTEL VICTORIA,
HOMBURG, GERMANY,
August, 31st, 1892.

SIR,

I am commanded by H.R.H. Princess Christian, President of the Royal British Nurses' Association, to ask you to be so good as to insert the accompanying letter in the next issue of your journal.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,
W. BEZLY THORNE, M.D.,
Hon. Secretary.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—The invasion of our country by one of the greatest of human scourges, calls for the concentration of all the resources which science, forethought, and energy can enlist.

I am happy to know that the Public Departments, forewarned and forearmed, have already taken such steps as must remove all ground for unreasonable panic, and secure not only the confidence, but also the welfare of the public. To their hands the execution of hygienic precautions, and the organisation of medical relief may well be trusted; but there remains a sphere of activity which it is the special office of women to fill. The trained Nurse should be found by the side of every stricken victim whether rich or poor. This end cannot be attained without careful and intelligent organisation. The administrative staff of the Royal British Nurses' Association has, therefore, lent itself to the pursuit of this object, and with the approval of the Medical Officer of the Local Government Board, and of the Executive Officers of the Metropolitan Asylums Board, is now enrolling Nurses who are willing to devote themselves to the care of patients who may be seized with cholera, and to obey the call of duty at a moment's notice. I shall, therefore, feel indebted to you if, in this crisis, you will allow me to appeal through your columns to such of the trained Nurses of England as may be free to throw themselves into this good work, and ask them to place themselves, with as little delay as possible, in communication with the responsible officials of the Association at 8, Oxford Circus Avenue, London, W. In the interval between enrolment and active service, they will have the opportunity of receiving instruction in the details of such special duties as they may be called upon to perform, from Dr. Heron, who has kindly volunteered to render this service.

HELENA.

President of the Royal British Nurses' Association.

[We feel confident that Nurses will eagerly respond to Her Royal Highness' appeal, and that the result will be of immense value both in the cure and prevention of this fell disease.—Ed.]

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