



### 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.*

#### CHOLERA NURSES.

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

SIR,—I have read with extreme pleasure, and, indeed, with much relief of mind, the letter from Her Royal Highness Princess Christian, in your issue of this week. I have under my charge a large district, including this important sea-port town. In former epidemics we suffered severely from cholera. In the last fifteen years we have made great improvements, and now, thanks to the cholera scare, I have persuaded the Sanitary authority to erect at once an Isolation Hospital. But my anxiety—shared I know by many of my confreres—has been, How are cholera cases to be nursed? Boards always procrastinate, and I know well that few Local Boards will sanction the employment of a nurse until we are face to face with an outbreak. That means hurry, confusion, and perhaps disastrous delay. Her Royal Highness' scheme will, I believe, be the means of saving hundreds of lives if the cholera does come—and I, for one, fully expect it—and enormous anxiety and trouble to men, who like myself had no nurses in 1865-66, and saw innumerable deaths occur, simply for want of proper

care. With cordial respect for your work for nurses, in which I take the greatest interest.—Believe me, yours faithfully,

A MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

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

SIR,—I send you enclosed a copy of the *Hospital* with some letters apparently from Nurses against the idea of having Volunteer Nurses for cholera. I should like to say that I do not believe for a moment that a real Nurse would write such letters. They show what sort of people read Mr. Burdett's paper. Real Nurses are proud that Princess Christian has called upon them to help in a great national crisis may be, and will freely offer their services to nurse cholera cases wherever they may be wanted, and will despise those who are either so ignorant or so unpatriotic as to make light of a danger which killed 30,000 people in one town in a month in 1846, and might do the same again.—Yours sincerely,

MATRON.

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

SIR,—In reply to an article in *The Nursing Record*, of August 11th, I have a few remarks to offer, which may seem to you worth notice. I have been connected with a large Home for Nurses for twenty years, and have managed it chiefly myself, and though not a trained Nurse, I am well acquainted with the working and the value of such institutions. I always engage a thoroughly good Nurse, when one offers herself—but the larger number are trained for us at various Hospitals for one year; I have not found them either ignorant or incapable. Some of them have in that time risen high, and received good appointments both in England and Scot-

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