

all. She will observe that we have further considered the subject in another column this week, and we need only say that we consider her denunciation of paying Probationers, as a class, far too sweeping. What we object to is that paying Probationers should be taken into Hospitals—and especially for short periods of service—in such numbers as to exclude many anxious to become regular and permanent workers.—ED.]

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—I think that you will find in practice very few Matrons have either the time, strength, or inclination, to undertake part of the Night Superintendent's duties, as described by "Night Sister," as well as her own; nor is it desirable that she should do so. A properly organised Hospital should supply sufficient persons to carry on the work efficiently without "over-driving the willing horse," and a woman who remains up till dawn is certainly not in the best possible condition, mentally or physically, to attack a long day's arduous duties, and remain "Queen of herself," under the usual trying conditions under which it is decreed that the Matron shall perform her innumerable duties. "Matron," who seeks for help and advice in your columns, will do wisely if she retires to rest at a reasonable hour, and thereby fits herself to do her work well on the following morning, as from some years' experience of institution life, I have seldom found that true unselfishness is either appreciated or acknowledged. In fact, in many institutions, especially those under the guidance of the Poor Law, the one thing a woman can do, which apparently gives unlimited and universal satisfaction, is to do nothing.—Yours truly,

AN INFIRMARY MATRON.

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