

abled to do something for their own support. I am sure that the public will agree with me that this is one of the most useful ways of giving assistance. This good work cannot be carried on unless larger subscriptions are forthcoming, and I feel certain that the public will come forward and relieve the dreadful sufferings which are endured by many poor ladies in Ireland. Christmas is not very far off, and I sincerely hope that my absence from home at that time will not interfere with the generous contributions which the fund has so often received in answer to former letters of mine. I hope, Sir, you will allow me to express our deep sense of gratitude to those who subscribed to this fund last Christmas, and to the anonymous donors before mentioned.

The secretary will thankfully receive and acknowledge any subscriptions or donations at the office of the Charity, 17, North Audley Street, London, W., which is also the depot of the sale of Irish Distressed Ladies' work.—Yours faithfully,  
30, Charles Street, St. James's Square. WATERFORD.  
November, 1891.

[We regret that the pressure on our space has not permitted us to insert this letter sooner. We can earnestly commend this excellent Charity to the notice of our readers.—ED.]

### REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

*Mrs. Maynard.*—We are not yet at liberty to give you the information you require; but as soon as the names of the officials are made public we will communicate with you. It is to be hoped that the keen opposition of many Hospital authorities and officials to the emancipation of the Trained Nurse will inspire all unprejudiced persons to join the new society, and work hard for Nursing reforms.

*Home Hospital Nurses.*—You are totally powerless until

you are Registered, whether you have one or ten years' experience; you are merely so much merchandise in the hands of the sweater. Large incomes are being made out of your labour by unprofessional persons. Co-operate; the medical profession is in sympathy with you, and so is the public. Will insert your letter next week.

*Nurse Kate (Hammersmith).*—We should imagine that upon receiving your badge from Her Royal Highness Princess Christian, you ought to curtsy, certainly not to bow. Wear your uniform, and be scrupulously neat; no jewellery. A few flowers are permissible upon such an occasion.

*Male Nurse.*—Apply to the Matron, National Hospital, Queen Square, in which Institution a limited number of male Nurses are trained. At present there is not a very great demand for their services, as they expect double pay for half the work done by the generality of female Nurses.

*Staff Nurse.*—We cannot recommend you to do Private Nursing on your own account, unless you are sure of the support of some medical men in good practice; but we should strongly advise you to leave the Institution where you are attached, as an employer who pays Trained Nurses £20 to £25 per annum must necessarily only attract second-rate Nurses, with whom it is not wise to be associated. To advertise that the Nurses can rise to £40 per annum is adding insult to injury, when the increase is at the rate of £1 a year. Your health will have broken down long before you reach that magnificent sum.

*Nurse Flora (Southampton).*—We should advise you to go to a good Hospital for two more years—the Great Northern Central, Lincoln County, or the General, Nottingham—or spend one year in a children's Hospital, and another in a fever Hospital, both of which branches would be new and very useful experience for you.

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