

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Dear Sir,—I am very anxious to obtain sufficient funds to send home to England a young Greek girl, in order that she may obtain training as a Monthly Nurse. She is a highly respectable girl and a promising pupil, having already had some teaching in the Government Hospital, Nicosia. The want of a Trained Monthly Nurse is greatly felt, there being at present not one in the island. The native women now acting in that capacity are absolutely ignorant of their work; fatal cases of puerperal fever occur almost daily for want of the most ordinary precautions. The cost of passage to and from England, and her training there, I estimate at about £50, and should be very grateful if, by making this letter public, any of your readers would help me to supply this much-felt want. The girl is of good education, and in addition to her own language she speaks Turkish, French, and a little English. Contributions would be gratefully received and all inquiries answered by B. Christian, Esq., the Bank, Baldock, Herts.—I am, Sir, faithfully yours,

P. CHRISTIAN (Nurse).

Nicosia, Cyprus, 27th Nov., 1891.

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Nurse Cumpion.—Give directions to the housemaid to have the coals sent up in paper bags; the coals can thus be put on in a cleanly and noiseless manner. You will find Briquettes well suited for night use—a stick or a piece of wood makes a quiet and efficient poker. The foot of the bed should not be towards the window, as the light shining directly on the face of the patient is often a trouble.

Nurse Marion (Blackheath).—Use disinfectants largely, such as carbolic acid, sanitas, or chlorinated lime; a sheet kept moist with carbolic acid solution 1:40, should be hung

over the outside of the door. All clothes should be dipped in a disinfecting solution, and also all vessels before and after use by patients.

Reader of "The Nursing Record" (Rotterdam).—We should advise you to write direct, and make application to any of the larger London or Provincial Hospitals. We do not ourselves, at the moment, know of any particular one likely to be of service to you.

M.R.B.N.A.—We thank you for your note respecting the Secretary of the Hospital in question. We do not doubt the accuracy of your statements, but, owing to pressure on our space, we are not able to insert the letter.

Private Nurse.—To make raw beef essence: Take half-a-pound of raw beef free from fat, chop it up fine; pour over it a teacupful of soft water, add a pinch of salt, stir and let it stand for three hours; strain. The addition of four or five drops of hydrochloric acid makes the process more rapid. It should be taken cold. This is a most useful preparation, and can sometimes be taken even by very young children when the stomach will retain nothing else. The red colour can be disguised by giving it in a coloured claret glass.

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