### REPLIES.

Miss Kate Rumsey Williams, Leicester.-We shall be very glad to receive your contribution ; the subject is of interest. We are also glad that you find THE RECORD helpful in your work—it is our intention to be of *use* to Nurses, and the more they use this Journal as a medium for disseminating professional knowledge the better. Thank you for kind wishes.

Miss Hetty Lee, Highgate. - Any one connected with so valued a friend is inevitably of interest to us. We may remark that we were inspired at the same early age with the same inclination to become a Nurse—wise regulations in our Hospital management, however, forbade it. From seventeen to twenty-one are invaluable years for *self*-education, and should be spent in acquiring a skilled knowledge of household management in all its branches (in which would be included ourse d the much despined needlo, wide and varied travel management in all its branches (in which would be included a use of the much despised needle), wide and varied travel, if possible (the most liberal education in men and matters); and a systematic preliminary education in the elements of anatomy, physiology, chemistry, and hygiene, and the practical details of hon.e Nursing—in which might be included bandaging, which requires much practice. You would not be eligible for admittance to any leading Nursing school until you are twenty-three, and six years are not at all too long in which to gain proficiency in the above-mentioned subjects. A preliminary examination has been instituted by two of the foremost Hospitals—St. Bartholomew's, and the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow—and, doubtless, by the time you are qualified to begin your training, you will find this test in vogue in the majority of Nurse Training Schools. We may also advise you to continue reading the NURSING RECORD, as a knowledge of Nursing politics will keep you up to date in professional matters.

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Miss Jane Hull, Paddington .- You will not be admitted for training in a General Hospital until twenty-three. Read reply to Miss Hetty Lee.

Miss May Kenrick, Leynton .-- The Indian letter will appear next week.

Miss Jane Holderness, Birmingham. - Thank you for paper, it shall appear in due course. We should like to hear your opinion on the preliminary education and examination questions- it is of great importance to the coming generation of Nurses.

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