

A fully-trained Nurse, that is, one who is out of her apprenticeship, receives *in money*, on an average, three-fourths of what she earns; and, for the other fourth, the Institution or Hospital with which she is connected undertakes to supply her with uniform, to board and lodge her free of cost when disengaged, and generally nurses her while sick.

What other Institution or Training School acts more generously to its apprentices or students than do these so-called "Nurse Farming Institutions? Is there any other profession deals so liberally with its pupils?

Do not the brothers of these "White Slaves" pay far higher fees and give longer time to qualify for their professions, and is a competency secured to them for life?

We would like to ask your correspondent, out of what fund the money is to come which is to provide pensions for the Nurses, since the whole earnings of the Nurse go back to her either in money or in kind? The fee paid by the public in Ireland is only £1 1s. per week; if this charge be not raised, and if the salaries of the Nurses are, then the result to follow will be that the wealthy public will be nursed at the expense of the Training Institutions or Hospitals from which the Nurse comes, an anomalous state of affairs which could not long continue.

We agree with Mr. Adair that the employment of women of tender age is not desirable, but this rule presses most heavily on those for whom your correspondent is interested, namely, those who from force of circumstances are obliged to earn their own living from an early age; but these observations are not applicable to most of the training schools in Ireland where the minimum age is twenty. It would be most desirable that all Probationers should remain in Hospital under training for three years; but in order that this may be done without loss to the training school, future applicants must be prepared to pay a reasonable fee for the benefits they receive.

Enough has been written, we think, to prove that Probationers and Nurses in Ireland are not worse treated than

those in England, and that the accusations brought by Mr. Adair against our Nursing Institutions are groundless.—We are, Madam, yours faithfully,

TWO SUPERINTENDENTS.

## Comments and Replies.

### REPLIES.

*Miss Lina Mollett, Hanover.*—Both letters received, for which many thanks.

The Editor wishes to acknowledge a number of letters addressed to the Committee of the Registered Nurses' Society at her address, and to state that they will all be delivered to the Chairman at the next meeting of the Committee. The names of the Committee and the regulations will be printed in due course.

### LETTERS RECEIVED.

- A. Mrs. Roberts-Austen, London (with enclosure).
- B. Miss Barlow, Derby.
- D. Miss M. K. Dowdney, Chippenham; Two Superintendents, Dublin (with enclosure).
- H. Miss Marian Humfrey (with enclosure).
- L. Miss Lambert, London; Miss Lacey, Nice (with enclosure).
- M. Miss Lina Mollett, Budapest (with enclosure); Miss Wilhelmina Mollett, Southampton (with enclosure); Miss M. Martin, Sydney; Miss Morrison, Perth.
- P. Miss A. Percy, Swansea; Miss G. Perry, Cork (with enclosure).
- R. Mrs. Rose, London (with enclosure); Mrs. Rentoul, Capetown (with enclosure); Miss A. Rankin, New York (with enclosure).
- T. Miss E. A. Twynam, Altrincham (with enclosure).
- W. Miss Wallace, London; Miss Watkins, Durham.

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