

## Comments and Replies.

### REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

*Miss G. Tracy, Liverpool.*—We sympathise with your desire for professional promotion, but must point out that nothing worth having is to be obtained in these days of keen competition without drudgery, unusual ability, or, we regret to say, interest. Personally we recommend you to try the first, make up your mind quite conclusively that there is no real and lasting success in any *work*, even if you possess ability or interest, unless you have staying power. Your ambition is to be "a principal of a Nurse Training School." Very well, qualify yourself for a position of great responsibility. Put your foot upon the lowest rung of the professional ladder, that is to say, enter the best training school at which you can be admitted, and become a "regular Probationer," determined to pass through a three years' complete training as a Nurse. If you have administrative ability you must aim at being promoted to the position of "Sister;" here *prove* that you have the power of organisation, and after some months' experience undertake the duties of Assistant Matron under the superintendence of a successful Superintendent of Nurses. In this position you will find full scope for "blessed drudgery;" the dull routine duties of the linen room, presiding at innumerable meals, responsibility for scrubbers, &c., are usually deputed to an Assistant Matron; when you have passed through all these grades and *know* that you have grasped all the details appertaining to each position, apply for the post of "Principal of a Training School;" the course of training will thus not be less than six years from beginning to end.

*Miss G. Drew, Hatfield.*—We should not advise you to go to America. In the States they have a well developed opinion that America is for the Americans—a Britisher is classed as a foreigner in spite of *Mayflower* traditions.

*Miss A. James, London.*—We think the summer, say July or September, would be a good time for private Nurses to attend the demonstrations; many Nurses are at that time out of work.

### LETTERS RECEIVED.

- B. Miss G. Roger, Leicester. Miss Brand, Perth. Miss Constance Bobby, Edinburgh.
- C. Miss Craven, Biggleswade. Miss Coster, London.
- D. Miss A. Daniels, Northampton.
- G. Mrs. Gordon, London.
- H. Lady Hunter, Haslemere. Miss Howard, Preston. Sister Helena, Leeds.
- L. Mrs. Laurie, London. Miss Lambert, Halifax.
- M. Miss Marsh, Bolton. Miss C. Mann, Copenhagen.
- P. Miss Peter, London. Miss A. Power, Cardiff.
- R. Miss Ross, Reading.
- S. Miss G. Stevens, Warwick.
- T. Miss Thompson, Philadelphia. Miss Trevor, Calcutta. Mrs. Temple, London.
- W. Miss A. Wainwright, Torquay. Miss West, Inverness. Miss Waring, Chicago.

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