

Comments and Replies.

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Matron.—We are of opinion that the Matron should select all Nurses and Probationers for trial, and after a definite term they should then recommend them for election to the Committee, who are responsible for the government of the institution, and therefore officially for the appointment of all paid officers. All Nurses and domestic servants in an institution should resign through the Matron. It is no part of the duty of a secretary or medical officer to select or appoint the female staff, and can only be productive of disorganisation and lack of discipline if such duties are deputed to them.

Miss Joan Elder, Dulwich.—We fear we must restrict our answers in this column to professional matters, and cannot, therefore, enter into the question you ask.

R.B.N.A.—The statement is not true that all the members of the Royal British Nurses' Association will doubtless be found on Mr. Burdett's unprofessional list of Nurses; and as you will see reported this week, the Council of the Royal British Nurses' Association have accepted the recommendation of the Executive Committee to publish a directory of Chartered Nurses. We sincerely hope, therefore, that all members will wisely refrain from permitting their names to appear in an unprofessional directory, as they will now be able to enter all their appointments, &c., as they gain promotion year by year, on their own directory. Mr. Burdett has failed to publish, as challenged by us, the names of the "small Committee of medical men and Matrons"

who are working under his direction in producing his directory, and until he does so we maintain that no trained Nurse ought to support the scheme.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

- A. Mrs. Roberts-Austen (with enclosure). Mrs. Andrews (with enclosure).
- B. Miss G. Bowen. Miss C. M. Brown, London. Miss Bentley, Liverpool.
- E. Miss Joan Elder, Dulwich.
- F. Miss Farquharson, Melbourne (with enclosure).
- H. Miss Sarah Hunt, London.
- J. Miss L. M. Jackson, London (with enclosure).
- L. Miss Catherine Loch, Rawal-Pindi, India (with enclosure). Miss Lawson, Peebles, N.B.
- M. Miss Lina Mollett, Denmark (with enclosure). Mrs. Mostyn, Rhyl.
- N. Miss A. Newman, Oxford (with enclosure). Mrs. Norris, Mentone. Miss A. M. Newell, London.
- O. Miss Oliphant (with enclosure).
- P. Mrs. Power, Stockport (with enclosure).
- R. Mrs. Rose, London (with enclosure). Miss Amy Robertson, London (with enclosure).
- S. Miss Stephenson, Dublin. Miss Swain, Bristol. Messrs. Street and Co., London.
- T. Miss Tunbridge, Reading. Miss Terry, Warwick. Miss A. Twiss, Philadelphia.
- W. Miss Alice Wade, Plymouth. Miss Warley, Boston, U.S.A. Miss A. Watson, Cape Town.

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