

Comments and Replies.

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A. D.—Thanks so much for your very interesting letter. With regard to your doubt as to milk-tea, experience has shown that it is even more digestible than plain milk, but of course we agree with you that many people do not find milk a digestible food in the raw form. The idea that "boiled milk is more constipating than when taken raw" has been proved to be erroneous. The mistake, perhaps, arose from the fact that raw milk sometimes causes diarrhoea just because it is not digested, and therefore sets up bowel disturbance. Boiled milk very rarely causes diarrhoea, perhaps because it is lighter and more easily digested by many people than raw milk is.

Nurse A. L.—It is always a pleasure to us to hear that our hints for the sick-room are appreciated, and we are glad that your patient so enjoyed some of the refreshing drinks we spoke about in a recent issue. It would be a great help to Nurses if their fellow-workers in private practice would give them the benefit of any new little dishes or "luxuries" they may come across. We shall look forward to receiving from you the letter you promise, and shall be interested to hear of your experiences.

Matron, Edinburgh.—We quite share your views as to the unsatisfactory position of Infirmary Matrons, and think you will quite agree with our editorial this week dealing with the subject. It always appears to us that the constantly recurring troubles in Infirmaries will very largely find a solution when there are more women sitting on Boards of Guardians. Some Matrons are apt to express a hostile feeling to the appointment of women Guardians, but one generally

hears from Infirmary Matrons that the women understand the difficulties of the situation better, and are easier to get on with than the male Guardians.

Miss Ethel Bevis.—Thanks for interesting letter. We also think it a great pity to lose so influential a member, but as you read the RECORD regularly you will understand that under the present régime matters are hopeless, and we fear such defections will increase.

Miss L. L. Dock, Harrisburg.—The copy of Charter and Bye-laws were sent off yesterday; many apologies for the delay, which was caused by our absence from London. We hope they will be of use. You will hear officially from the Hon. Sec. Matron's Council after the 24th October, and we shall take no excuse; the honour will be on our side.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

- A. Sister Ada, London. Mrs. Arthur, Slough.
- B. Miss S. Brown, Chelsea. Miss E. Bevis, Colchester.
- C. Miss Carew, London (with enclosure). Frau Minna Cauar, Berlin (with enclosure).
- D. A. D., Barton-on-Humber. Miss L. L. Dock, Harrisburg, U.S.A.
- F. Miss G. Fisher, Durham. Miss Flower, Brighton (with enclosure).
- L. A. L., London.
- M. Matron, Edinburgh.
- P. Miss G. Power, Belfast (with enclosure).
- R. Mrs. Rose, London (with enclosure). Mrs. Reynolds, London (with enclosure).
- S. Miss C. Scott, Leominster (with enclosure). Rev. J. B. Sturrock, Paisley (with enclosure).
- T. Miss G. Trevor, Plymouth. Miss Trewin, London.
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