

Comments and Replies.

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Nurse Slade.—For the information you ask we think it would be best for you to write to the Lady Superintendent, the New Somerset Hospital, Cape Town, or to Sister Henrietta, Nursing Institution, Kimberley, South Africa. Thoroughly trained obstetric Nurses are much needed in the colony, but it is well before going out to have some very definite information from some one on the spot. The ladies we mention would, we are sure, be kind enough to give you some particulars.

Miss M. Wilson.—From your letter we should judge that you are in every way suited to the Nursing profession. Your age is right, your health is good, and, if you will pardon the personality, there is a business-like and common-sense ring about your letter which suggests many of the qualities a Nurse needs. If you were to obtain the "Nursing Directory" price 5s., from the NURSING RECORD office, you would find there detailed information, and the rules and regulations of the principal Training Schools. You could then judge which best suited your requirements, and apply to the different Matrons. Of course you may have to wait some time for a vacancy, but in provincial Hospitals, where, often, the training is admirable, it is easier to gain admission.

One who wants to be a Nurse.—You are rather young to be thinking of becoming a Nurse, and will have plenty of time for preparation. You are 16 now. Some Children's Hospitals take probationers at 20, so you have four years, during which time our advice to you would be to improve your general education as much as possible. Attend classes

on Ambulance, Nursing, Hygiene, and Cooking. Learn French and German. Read the text-books you mention, and as many others as you can get, and learn as much of domestic work and housekeeping as you can. In Northampton you will find many educational facilities.

"One in a Difficulty."—Your best course would be to write again to the Matron of the Hospital that has accepted you as a probationer, and put your circumstances and the difficulty you are in before her. Of course vacancies sometimes occur quite unexpectedly, and you may be fortunate in getting in soon. If you do not get a satisfactory reply, you should apply to another Hospital. We are always very glad to help our readers.

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- C. Miss Maud Clarke, Northampton. Miss Curtis, Maidstone (with enclosure).
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- J. Mrs. Johnstone, London.
- L. Miss E. J. R. Landale, Cape Town (with enclosure).
- M. Miss Mollett, Southampton (with enclosure). Miss Manley, Brixton.
- N. Miss C. Newton, Cork. Miss E. Ness, Douglas, Isle of Man.
- P. Miss Pauline Peter, London (with enclosure). Miss F. Puddicombe, Weymouth.
- R. Miss Roberts, Cleveland, Ohio.
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- W. Mrs. Andrew Walker, London. Miss M. Wilson.

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