

Comments and Replies.

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Miss E. Terry, North Walsham.—You could be received in a Children's Hospital at your present age; the General Hospitals do not usually take Probationers under the age of 23. Obtain "The Nursing Directory" price 5s., from the NURSING RECORD OFFICE, 11, Adam Street, Strand; you will find in it all the information you require.

Miss C. Annerley, Bedford.—We quite sympathise with your keen desire for active work, but you are too young to begin training as a Nurse. Occupy your time in acquiring a knowledge of the elements of Hygiene, Anatomy, and Physiology; become an efficient cook, and study French and German. All thorough knowledge is to the good, in whatever position of life you may occupy.

Enterprising Nurse, Liverpool.—There are always difficulties involved for a Nurse who goes out to foreign countries—or even to the Colonies—without introductions and influence. The newly-formed Society—the Colonial Nursing Association—has been founded to provide the Colonies with efficient and thoroughly-trained Nurses. And it should also prove very helpful to Nurses who wish to pursue their avocations in "fresh fields and pastures new." To do so unaided is to court difficulties and troubles innumerable. The address of the Society is "The Colonial Nursing Association, Imperial Institute, London, S.W."

Miss Whiting, London.—Unless you join one of the pleasant holiday jaunts arranged by the Home Reading Union, your plan of going to a Hydropathic in Scotland is excellent. As you say, "a Nurse going to lodgings alone, on her holiday, is a very dismal person." Some Nurses we have known have been able to enjoy themselves thoroughly on a solitary holiday, but, as you say you are by nature somewhat melancholy,

by all means take your holiday where you will be likely to meet pleasant people. As you say, there is some magic about the air of Scotland.

Mrs. Peary, Birmingham.—Much yet remains to be done in the establishment of Chronic Hospitals. Miss Hughes, in her excellent paper read at the Nursing Conference, brought out the point most admirably that, in an efficient Infirmary, chronic cases receive the utmost care and skilful nursing. Our Infirmaries are going through a transition stage, and we have no doubt that the nursing in these institutions will, in the future, meet all the needs of the destitute poor. Much depends upon the efficiency of the medical department of the Local Government Board.

Miss C. P., London.—The address of Sir Julian Goldsmid's Home of Rest for Nurses, is 12, Sussex Square, Brighton. Apply to the Matron, if possible giving her plenty of time to make arrangements. There are no irksome rules, but it is a Holiday, and not a Convalescent, Home. Much as it is to be regretted, Nurses from Fever Hospitals cannot be admitted; it would not be fair to the other visitors, whose health, in most instances, is their only capital.

Sister Ellen, Leeds.—The competition is becoming more keen every day for private Nurses in London. We should advise you, if possible, to get work through the medical men in whose wards you have worked, and not to come to London on speculation. Address Secretary, 17, Old Cavendish Street, London, W.

W.—Miss L. L. Dock, of Harrisburg, U.S., is the Secretary of the Society of American Superintendents. You could not fail to be struck with her grasp of the subject in her paper on the Organisation of American Nurses. We are a little doubtful of an eight hours' day for Nurses, we are not yet ready for it, and should certainly resent being limited as to one's hours of labour.

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