

Comments and Replies.

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Q. N., Tunbridge Wells.—We quite agree with you that Nurses are entitled to an adequate remuneration for their services, and think that you have done good work if the fees of the Institution have been raised by your influence. We think that thoroughly-trained Nurses ought to be able to obtain £2 2s. a week; but at the present time so many Institutions send out Nurses for lower fees than this, and so many imperfectly qualified or unqualified persons unscrupulously call themselves trained Nurses, and so impose upon the public, that the market is flooded, and it is very difficult for the ordinary British householder to discriminate between a Nurse who is well worth £2 2s. a week and a person who asks only 30s., but who would be dear at any price. We should like to have the little Nursing paragraphs you mention.

An Enquirer, East Grinstead.—We are quite of opinion that the conduct which you describe is most reprehensible, and that any Nurse who acts in this way brings discredit upon her profession, but the subject is a personal one upon which we can scarcely comment in the NURSING RECORD.

Nurse Mary.—As you are so far from London, and, from what you say, there appears to be no School of Pharmacy near, where you might study, it appears that your best plan would be to arrange with a local qualified chemist to learn from him the practical part of dispensing. The theoretical part you could, of course, acquire from the text-books. This

would certainly be the best initial step for you to take under the circumstances, and will be an excellent preparation. Later, you might be able to take some "finishing lessons" before going up for the qualifying certificate. Dispensing is a very valuable branch of a Nurse's education. The "examinations" and "new movement," mentioned by Excelsior are, at present, only theoretical, but undoubtedly will form a prominent place in practical Nursing politics in the future—not very far off, we hope.

Miss Rustin, Newcastle.—We are always very glad to receive marked copies of newspapers which contain articles or accounts of new Hospitals or Infirmarys, or any items of Nursing news of interest. It is impossible to have correspondents everywhere, and, for this reason, we are always grateful to any of our readers who will send us items of news regarding their own or any other Hospital in which they are interested.

Miss Agnes Solway, Dublin.—Obtain the "Nursing Directory," 11, Adam Street, Strand, price 5s.; you will find in it the information you require. We think you would be very unwise to train for only one year and attach yourself to an Institution for Private Nursing for three years. Enter a Hospital and work for a three years' certificate.

M.R.B.N.A., Manchester.—A copy of the Charter and Bye-Laws can be obtained from the Secretary, 17, Old Cavendish Street, London, W., price 6d. Each member should possess a copy and know the privileges granted to Nurses by the Royal Charter, and the Bye-Laws, which legally govern the Association. For the sake of other Societies of women, it is deeply to be deplored that Nurses have, on the whole, shown a lack of appreciation of the benefits to be derived from union.

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