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Comments and Replies.

Miss E. L. Reading and Miss H. P. Blackburn.—Letters have been forwarded to "Sister Janet."

A would be pro. No knowledge is ever wasted; and we do not doubt that that which you have gained by attending the lectures of the St. John's Ambulance Association will prove of much use to you in your subsequent work. We know nurses who assert that the instruction which they received in bandaging whilst attending the lectures given by this Association proved most useful to them in their hospital career. You would do well to study elementary anatomy and physiology, as well as to obtain a practical knowledge of housekeeping and sick room cookery, during the time which elapses before you begin hospital life.

District Nurse. The disposal of the dead, until the funeral, in the houses of the poor is often a real difficulty. The use of public mortuaries should be encouraged when the arrangements of the house do not admit of a room being reserved for the body, but the friends often object to this. An ideal arrangement is no doubt that there should be a mortuary chapel attached to every parish church, which should be made so attractive that the parishioners would look forward to being taken there after death as the natural and desirable thing, but we fear it will be some time before this practice is universal.

Private Nurse, London. Milk may sometimes be relished in the form of junket by persons who dislike it in its natural condition. Junket may be made by warming fresh milk to blood heat, and adding a little fresh rennet. When it is curdled, the addition of nutmeg grated over the top is appreciated by some people. It should be served with sifted sugar and either fresh, or clotted cream. Stewed fruit is also liked with it by some persons, and makes a pleasant change.

Trained Nurse, Birmingham.—We should advise you to wait until the decision of the Privy Council upon the new bye-laws is made known. We cannot advise any nurse to become a member of the Royal British Nurses Association if these bye-laws come into force.

Nurse B. Tenby. You would find plenty of scope for work such as you desire in infirmary nursing, but you must not expect it to be all smooth sailing. You must be prepared to meet with difficulties occasioned by red-tapeism, prejudice, and ignorance. Still there is no doubt that really good nurses, and high principled women are much needed in this branch of nursing, and that the benefit to the sick in our workhouse infirmaries by the adoption of this sometimes despised branch by such women is immense. We do not think that it is the monotony and drudgery which deters nurses from infirmary work, but the impossibility which so often exists of nursing the patients properly under the present conditions.

Matron.—We should advise you to communicate with Miss Maud Earle. She is a staff teacher of the National Training School of Cookery, and lecturer on sick room cookery at the London Hospital, and the Brompton Hospital for Consumption. The National Training School of Cookery is in the Buckingham Palace Road. You will be interested in a Paper which will appear next week entitled, "Practical Diet-Kitchen Work as part of the training school curriculum."

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