

solely because public opinion (which is advancing) has not yet advanced so far as to regard women as upon the same footing as men.

Women may go upon ladies' committees, where they usually do most of the work, and get laughed at for their pains, but on a general committee—"oh, that would hardly be the thing." Trusting to see this state of things altered,

I am, dear Madam, faithfully yours,
HOSPITALIS.

Notices.

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Comments and Replies.

Miss James.—We must reiterate our invariable advice not to enter a hospital for training for a period of less than three years. We are aware that you can obtain a certificate at the end of two years at the institution you mention, but we should nevertheless advise you to enter one where the longer period of three years' work is required.

In Doubt.—Decide which hospital you would like to enter, and then write to the Matron and ask her to appoint a time for an interview.

Staff Nurse.—You would find Hoblyn's Dictionary of Medical Terms, which may be obtained from any medical bookseller, of the greatest use to you. We should strongly recommend you to keep a note book of your own, and to write down in it anything new you learn each day. You will find it becomes an invaluable book of reference.

A Novice.—In applying for a post it is always best to have copies of your testimonials either printed or type written. You can then forward them to each member of the committee of the institution in which you desire an appointment. They are much more likely to read them than if written in the ordinary way. On the whole we think printed testimonials the most satisfactory as a much larger number of copies can be obtained for the same amount of money.

Committee-man.—The staff of a cottage hospital of ten beds should not be less than a matron and two staff nurses who could take alternate night and day duty. The polishing of the ward floors should be done either by the servant or by a scrubber. Nursing is always an expensive item, more so than is frequently realized by committees new to the work. Well trained nurses can command good salaries, so they cannot be expected to take poor ones.

Nurse Clara.—Do not grumble outside the hospital but place your grievance before your matron who is the proper person to deal with it.

Would-be Probationer.—There is at present no Central Preliminary Training School for Nurses, therefore it is necessary to obtain the instruction you desire elsewhere. We should advise you to enter some school where you will be trained in housewifery and domestic economy, and also to obtain instruction in sick room cookery. You should also study elementary physiology, hygiene, and anatomy, you will never regret this when you enter upon the practical work.

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