

not a very satisfactory process when all is said and done. It is almost impossible now to gain admittance into a good Hospital for a short time, excepting by payment of a guinea a week. She might, however, apply to Lady Superintendents—St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C., Guy's Hospital, S.E., The Middlesex Hospital, Berners Street, W., and Charing Cross Hospital, W.C.—Yours, &c.,
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To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—I have read in Mrs. Brewer's papers on "Nursing," that "The Ordinary or Nurse Probationers supply the main body of the Hospital and Infirmary Nursing Staff; while the Special, or Lady Probationers, eventually fill the superior appointments, such as Sisters or Matrons." Would you kindly tell me whether this is really the case in all Hospitals? I am so glad that you have enlarged the *Nursing Record*; I find it so very interesting.—Yours faithfully,
ELSIE.

Station Road, Bexley Heath, Kent.

[Mrs. Brewer is only correct with regard to some Nursing Schools; it is becoming a recognised system now, in the majority, to promote the *thoroughly-trained Ordinary Probationers* after two or three years' experience—including staff duty—to the responsible position of Sister; this, of course, can only be done in those Hospitals where the Ordinary Probationers are well-educated and refined women.—ED.]

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