

home circle, is, I am thankful to know, a rare specimen of our sex. I would only remark concerning the paragraph in question, that if these opinions have been formed from personal experience of the characters of her subordinates, the sooner an "Experienced Hospital Matron" learns to discriminate character in selecting her Probationers, the better for the Hospital over which she at present presides.—Yours faithfully,
MATRONA.

* * * Communications, &c., not noticed in this issue will be dealt with when space permits.

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Miss Haynes.—(1) Many thanks. (2) We cannot say, but we advise you to apply to the Hon. Secretaries of the Association, 20, Upper Wimpole Street, W., enclosing a large stamped envelope for reply.

Miss Fenton, Miss Torrance, Not Trained, Over Three Years a Nurse, Miss Pritchard, Miss Amy Swift.—Apply to the Hon. Secretaries, British Nurses' Association, as above.

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