

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Miss Jane Quinton and Miss M. Bayes.—We have forwarded your letters to the Hon. Secretaries of the Association, 20, Upper Wimpole Street, London, W.

Miss Mowbray.—We cannot answer your inquiry, but should advise you to write to the Hon. Secretaries of the British Nurses' Association, at the above address, enclosing a stamped and addressed envelope for reply.

CORRESPONDENCE

(Notes, Queries, &c.)

* * We do not hold ourselves responsible for opinions expressed by Correspondents. Brevity and conciseness will have first consideration. See Notices.

* * British Nurses' Association.—We are requested to state that Miss Wood (Hon. Sec.) will be at 20, Upper Wimpole Street, W., every Wednesday, from 10.30 a.m. to noon, and at 7, St. George's Mansions, Red Lion Square, W.C., on each Friday until noon, to see Nurses or others who may wish to make inquiries.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—As you are so good as to offer assistance in all Nursing projects, I shall be much obliged if you will kindly insert this letter in your Journal. I have been endeavouring for many years to start a District Nurse for the sick poor of this neighbourhood, but want of funds and many adverse circumstances have hitherto prevented my carrying out this wish. Now, however, I have succeeded in getting sufficient money promised to procure board, lodging and laundry expenses for a Nurse, and I am making a great effort to secure one. Unfortunately the villages round are very scattered, consequently the distance from one cottage to another is considerable, and this adds to the difficulty of the situation. The population consists chiefly of the labouring classes, who are lamentably ignorant, and the sufferings in cases of sickness are really heartrending. Many lives are endangered, if not lost, for want of an intelligent Nurse. I have advertised in your columns for a lady who would undertake this work, because I think it is more likely a lady would work without a salary than a Nurse in a lower class of life, but I shall be grateful for any suggestions.—I am, dear Sir, yours faithfully, F. E. BATTISCOMBE.

Glasbury, Radnorshire.

P.S.—I will gladly give any details to anyone who will communicate with me.

[We would suggest that the Nurse who is appointed should be provided with a tricycle, as that would make the great distances to be traversed much less trying to her strength.—ED.]

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—I am glad to see a letter on the duties of a Private Nurse by "A Survivor," as it brings on the tapis the much discussed subject of what are a Private Nurse's duties, and what are not. There is little doubt that whatever is for the patient's benefit is the first duty of a Nurse, and if the entrance of a servant into the room irritates, and therefore is apt to injure, her patient, it is the Nurse's duty to see that no one does

enter the room, and she must, therefore, conscientiously perform all so called menial duties herself. No woman worthy of the name of Nurse would dispute this, of course. But in the ordinary routine of a Private Nurse's duties amongst the rich, I should not include cleaning the grate, sweeping, or scrubbing. The Nurse will, however, keep the room dusted the crockery clean, and replenish the fire (keeping the hearth tidy), during the time she is on duty; but if she is Nursing a middle-class patient, where but few servants are kept, it should be her pride to keep the patient's room as cleanly as she kept her Ward in "the dear old days of Pro-dom."—I am, yours truly, PRIVATE NURSE.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—As I strongly suspect that I am "the late attendant" alluded to by "A Survivor" in your last week's issue, I should like to state that I was the THIRD Nurse employed by the patient in the space of three weeks; and I own blacking grates is not my forte.—Yours faithfully, NURSE ALICE.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—I am glad to see you are recommending Miss Headdon's excellent Institution to your readers, and as I take great interest in its work, I hope you will insert this letter for their perusal. Miss Headdon is now fairly settled into a beautiful large house called Riversdale, Newnham-on-Severn, and is prepared to take girls of all ages, to whom she gives a thorough training in all housewifely and womanly duties. There is a domestic kindergarten for the little ones, a junior course of practical housework for older girls, and a senior course for imparting scientific knowledge in housewifery, hygiene, and sanitary subjects. Some knowledge of domestic duties may be imparted to children in a very attractive manner by the aid of toy models. There are three sets of these models. The first contains various items of furniture, together with all the appointments necessary to a properly laid table; the second consists of the utensils necessary for house cleaning, and the family work; whilst the third is chiefly composed of cooking implements of all kinds. These toys may be obtained from Miss Headdon; Messrs. Cox & Co., 99, New Oxford Street; Messrs. John Heywood in Manchester, and Mr. Arnold in Leeds.—Yours, &c., C. B. M.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—Can you, through the "Nursing Record," tell me of any Hospitals, or anywhere, where they will take Probationers at the age of nineteen to train?—Yours, &c., NURSE MILDRED.

[We know of no Institution where Nurses are admitted so young as nineteen. Several Children's Hospitals take Probationers at twenty.—ED.]

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—We are very grateful to you for publishing "Constant Readers'" letter last week. We suppose you considered our former letter not "temperate" enough, as you did not publish it. We will try to be more "temperate" now. We do not dispute that a Matron *must* have perfect authority over her Nurses inside the Hospital, but we think she has no right to control their justifiable inclinations in "outside"

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