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States, to organize the British portion of the forthcoming Nursing Congress in Chicago. She is, therefore, prepared to receive papers on Nursing subjects, and to submit them to the Organizing Committee in America. The following papers have already been promised :---" The Work of the Royal British Nurses' Association," by H.R.H. Princess Christian ; "The Organization of a Nurse Training School," by Miss Isla Stewart, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital ; "Nursing in Poor-Law Infirmaries," by Miss de Pledge, Chelsea Infirmary ; "Private Nursing," by Mrs. Ormiston Chant ; "Home Hospitals," by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick ; "Volunteer Nursing Corps in time of War and Epidemics," by Miss Annesley Kenealy. All inquiries concerning the Nursing Congress should be addressed to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, 20, Upper Wimpole Street, W.—I am, Sir, faithfully yours,

F. LANKESTER.

Secretary, Ladies' Committee, British Royal Commission.

Replies to Correspondents.

Sister Rosa.—We have made inquiries for you, and find that you may send your invention to 20, Upper Wimpole Street, London, W., marked Nursing Department, Chicago Exhibition.

Mrs. L. Selby.—There will be a small Library of Nursing Works in the section. But we should imagine you had better communicate with Mrs. Gordon—who represents the Literary Section on the Ladies' Committee of the British Royal Commission. Intense amusement has been caused in Nursing circles by the *bêtise* you allude to. Miss M. F.—We shall be glad to hear from you again when your scheme is organised, and shall be happy to ventilate it in our columns. You should work on the co-operative system—and do not engage any Sister who has not had three years' Hospital experience.

Mrs. Delamere.—We fear your chances of success are small. Home Hospitals are a glut in the market, and so much is now expected by patients and doctors, that unless an establishment is organised on the most liberal scale, they are naturally dissatisfied. Many persons wish to pay three or four guineas per week, and, for this inadequate sum, expect the attention of two trained Nurses. If the organisation of a Home Hospital is satisfactory in all its departments, little or no profits can be made from patients paying less than a guinea a day.

Not a Member.—You had better apply to the Secretary, 8, Oxford Circus Avenue, Oxford Street, W. Members are admitted free to all the Sessional Meetings and others by the payment of one shilling.

A Probationer.—Certainly not. You entered the Hospital, and the Hospital authorities admitted you into their service on the definite understanding that you were to work, for the specified term, in the Wards of the Institution, and that, if you fulfilled that term, you should receive a Certificate as a trained Nurse. They have, therefore, no right to send you to work outside the Hospital. By so doing, they are defrauding you of the education promised to you, just as they are defrauding the public by sending inexperienced pupils out to private people who ask for "thoroughly-trained Nurses." You are quite justified in refusing to be made an accessory to this cruel deception and fraud. In fact, you would not only be acting justly, but wisely, in so doing, because some day we fully expect to see legal proceedings taken in connection with these scandalous proceedings.



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