

Comments and Replies.

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Vegetarian.—You will certainly find some difficulty arising in your hospital life from the fact that you are a Vegetarian. It is, of course, quite impossible in the large system of hospital routine to provide for individual tastes in food, and we fear you will fare rather badly. For breakfast, of course, there will often be fish or eggs to fall back upon, but dinner will prove rather a meagre meal—potatoes will be your standing dish. On “pudding days” you will be better off though. We know of one case of a probationer in a large London training school who attempted to work on vegetarian lines. Although she supplemented the hospital diet by hampers from home, she broke down, and it became a question of whether she should give up vegetarianism or hospital work. She elected to abandon the former, and we still remember the gusto with which she ate a mutton chop, being at the time ill in bed and much exhausted, and how from that day she began to mend and was able to perform her duties well.

Nurse Alice.—Your best plan would be to advertise in the Nursing and medical papers for the work you wish. You might also apply to the various surgical and medical homes in London and suburbs. Some of these homes advertise in medical and other papers and you can hear of others through the medical men for whom you work. We should advise you to make very careful enquiries before accepting an engagement to do massage in a massage establishment, as some of these are acquiring a very unenviable reputation. Of course it is an advantage, if you can get the post, to be associated with a high-class Nursing home, and we wish you success. Write again if there is any information we can give you.

Miss Yates.—We are glad you have so much professional spirit and that you are anxious to help to raise the standard of asylum workers. At present the proposed Association is barely formed, but we understand that it will shortly be in working order. If you write to us a little later we shall be pleased to give you any further information about it. With regard to whether you are eligible to belong to the Royal British Nurses' Association, we fear that you have not fulfilled all the necessary conditions. Three years' Hospital training is requisite, of which one year at least must have been spent in a general Hospital containing at least forty beds. We cordially agree with what you say as to the need of co-operation and the pleasantness and the necessity of coming into personal and social relations with one's fellow workers. Send us your views for publication on the Asylum Workers' question. We have already published some correspondence on the subject.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

- A. Miss Anstruther, Forfar (with enclosure). Nurse Alice.
- C. Miss Cavan, Paris (with enclosure). Mrs. Campbell.
- E. Mrs. Eagle, New York. Dr. G. Endicott.
- G. Mrs. Gordon (with enclosure). Miss Goddard.
- M. M.R.B.N.A. (with enclosure). Miss Meeking.
- N. G. H. Noble (York).
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