

Nursing the doctors say, "You must open the windows and let in the fresh air." The patients say, "Oh, Nurse, we cannot stand those organs, and those paper boys, and watercress women. We must breathe the microbes of an unventilated room, so long as it is quiet." And what is the Nurse to do?

Yours,
A QUIET WOMAN.

Comments and Replies.

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Asylum Attendant, Cane Hill.—We can only repeat that the grievances under which Asylum Attendants suffer can only be redressed by solid co-operation and organization. We quite agree that it is very hard, in addition to over-long hours, broken rest, meagre pay and inferior food, to be in such danger of life and limb. The recent tragedy at your asylum has called some public attention to the fact that the lives of attendants at such places must be full of hardships. We wish you would send a letter for publication on this important subject.

Miss C. Scott, Leominster.—You can obtain a card from the Hon. Sec., 22, Cheyne Gardens, Chelsea, S.W. After the important resolution passed at the Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association steps will, doubtless, soon be taken to obtain legal status for Nurses.

Sister Ada.—Curiously coincident with your letter of enquiry as to what is the custom prevailing among medical men as to fees for attendance upon Nurses, we have received a letter on this subject which we hope will appear next week, and in which you will be specially interested.

Helpful.—We are much indebted to you for the marked newspaper giving such an interesting account of the improvements effected in the Hospital of which you are Matron. Although editorial eyes are supposed to be very far-seeing, they cannot be ubiquitous, and we have neither time nor energy to scan over all the provincial press in search of news about Hospitals. Of course we have our correspondents in a good many of the large towns, who send us local information. But we must depend in some measure on the kindness of readers, like yourself, who thoughtfully send us clippings and chronicles of Nursing and Hospital events in the smaller towns and villages. If our readers knew how much we appreciate such help as yours, we feel sure they would emulate your kindness.

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