

Comments and Replies.

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

THE Editor wishes to state that the number of letters addressed to her, and the amount of correspondence with which she has to deal, render it impossible for her to answer privately, enquiries relating to Hospital and Nursing matters. As a rule such letters will be replied to in this column.

Miss L. Cooper.—Your age is extremely suitable for entrance into Hospital. So many women break down through beginning Hospital life too young. You should apply to the principal Training Schools for rules and regulations, but choose only those which give a *three years'* certificate. It would be wise to keep your present employment until you have an opportunity of entering a Training School, as the number of candidates for the good schools is so great that waiting for some time is generally necessary. You will find the pamphlet, "How to be Trained as a Hospital Nurse," which can be obtained at the NURSING RECORD Offices, post free, 1s. 6d., a most valuable aid in pointing out to you the advantages of the various Nurse Training Schools.

Probationer D.—We do not think your remark "that most Training Schools exist for the purpose of destroying the health of the Nurses" is by any means justified. It appears to us that in most Hospitals a very great deal is done to conserve the energies and preserve the health of the nursing staffs. From our experience we are almost of opinion that more harm is done to the Nurses' health by what they do "off duty" than when in the wards. So many night Nurses, for instance, dock off as much of their sleeping time as the regulations allow, in order to seek change and amusement, and, as they express it, "keep bright and going" on

strong tea. We are afraid with your views you will not make a very good Nurse. But perhaps you have been reading the "White Slavery" correspondence, and this may have produced a temporary unsettlement of mind.

Miss Deane.—Your letter shall, if possible, appear next week, and its subject be fully dealt with.

Miss Kathleen Plumb, Leicester.—We regret that the case sent in does not fulfil the regulations. The MS. must contain *not less* than 1,000 words.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

- B. Miss Brent, Delfe. Miss A. Bonner, London. Madame la Bastide Baarslag, Amsterdam.
- C. Miss Janie Charles, Highgate. Miss L. Cooper, Brighton. Mrs. Croly, New York (with enclosure).
- D. Probationer D., London. Miss Dallas, Hampstead. Miss Lucy A. E. Deane, London (with enclosure). Miss Alice Dannatt, Barton-on-Humber.
- E. Miss Ellicot, Nottingham. Miss Lucy Evans, Cardiff. Editor *Gentlewoman* (with enclosure).
- F. Miss G. French, London (with enclosure).
- G. Mrs. Gordon, London (with enclosure). Baroness Von Grippenbergh, Helsingfors. Miss Graham, Cape Town (with enclosure).
- H. Miss Howe, Peterborough. Miss Hastings, London (with enclosure). Mr. W. H. Hadley, Warwick (with enclosure).
- L. Miss Lowe, London (with enclosure).
- M. Mrs. Eva McLaren, Maidenhead.
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