

Comments and Replies.

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

It appears that our Irish correspondent made an error in inspiring the following paragraph in our Echoes of the 13th inst., that "many of the Dublin Hospitals have an arrangement whereby their Probationers may attend the admirable lectures and demonstrations given at Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital." These lectures are given under the auspices of the Society called "The Dublin Metropolitan Technical School for Nurses," the Rules and Regulations of which we printed last week, and which states that "The Governing Body shall consist of the Matron and one representative of the Medical Staff of each Co-operating Institution," so that each hospital has equal power and status on the Governing Body of this new Central School for Nurses.

Miss Bertha Ellis.—As you are intending to enter a Hospital when you are a year or two older, you should devote as much of your time as you can spare to acquiring theoretical knowledge of anatomy, physiology and chemistry. Chemistry is a particularly interesting study, and you will find it will enable you to better grasp the *meaning* of much that will come before you in your professional work. It would be also an excellent plan to qualify as a dispenser. During these waiting years you have leisure and energy, and you will find it a great help to acquire as much as you can of this kind of knowledge before you enter the wards of a Hospital. See answer to Miss E. David.

Miss E. David.—What an enthusiast you must be to have already gone through the Hygiene, Physiology and Anatomy courses, with a view to Hospital training. You now ask

"What further can I learn that will be useful?" Our answer is that a very important branch of education so often neglected in the training of Nurses is cookery. So we would advise you to enter on a thorough course of cookery instruction, and if you have an opportunity of gaining an insight into housekeeping on a large scale, by all means avail yourself of it, as this knowledge would help you enormously when you hold a matronship—as we are sure you will some day do, from the energy and enthusiasm you are putting into your work.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

- A. Miss Annerly, Leicester.
- B. Miss Bond, New York. Miss Minnie Bowers, Fores Hill (with enclosure).
- D. Miss M. E. Davis, Brighton.
- F. Miss M. D. Farquharson, Melbourne.
- H. Miss F. M. Hammick, Truro (with enclosure). Miss Florence M. Hewett, Walthamstow. Miss M. Huxley, Dublin.
- J. Miss Lilian Jackson, London (with enclosure).
- K. Mrs. E. D. Kirby, Birmingham (with enclosure).
- L. Miss Fay Lankester, London (with enclosure).
- M. Miss Lina Mollett, Berlin (with enclosure). Miss M. Mosley, Nottingham.
- R. Mrs. Rose, London (with enclosure). Mrs. Reynolds, London (with enclosure). Miss S. G. Rednall, Plumstead.
- T. Mr. Theis, London (with enclosure).
- W. Miss Lucy Williams, Great Warley. Mrs. E. White Wallis, London (with enclosure). Miss West, Cape Town. Miss E. Waverley, Ryde.

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