

Comments and Replies.

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Private Nurse, Hastings.—Certainly the whole beef-tea is admirable and eminently suited to a patient with so splendid a convalescent appetite as the one you are Nursing appears to have. Make the beef-tea in the usual manner, but instead of throwing away the whitish and apparently innutritious meat (but it really has a great food value), pound it in a mortar into a smooth pulp, pass it through a wire-sieve and add it to the beef-tea. Whole beef-tea contains the fibre and albumen of the meat, which the ordinary beef-tea does not.

An Omnibus Frequenter.—We have received several complaints similar to yours as to the practice of Hospital Nurses discussing the most gruesome cases in public vehicles, without the slightest regard to the feelings of nervous ladies and other folk who feel ill when operations, especially those involving much hæmorrhage, are discussed with "brutal frankness." We think the fault has arisen from the desire on the part of some very raw Probationers to show off their superior knowledge and nerve power. We all know how very shabby people are when they are in the initial stages of any study. We have frequently heard young medical students relating—at dinner parties and on many other occasions, in and out of season—the most awful accounts of "cases" they have had. We fear you have taken these young people too seriously. It is by no means "the custom of the cloth," as you seem to think. It is largely a youthful indiscretion and thoughtlessness.

Miss G. S., London.—Address the Secretary R.B.N.A., 17, Old Cavendish Street, W.

Sister Elizabeth, Manchester.—Thanks for kind offer of help. A committee to carry out the details will be formed early in the new year.

M.R.B.N.A., Nottingham.—We quite agree with you; the result is inevitable. It is probable that the Congress will be convened under the auspices of the National Council of Women. We shall announce the scheme shortly.

A District Nurse, Bramley must send her name as a guarantee of good faith. Her question can then be inserted.

Miss Pierrepont, Torquay.—We regret that the matter enclosed is more suitable for discussion in a medical paper.

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