

ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

MADAM,—As a medical man who takes great interest in the Royal British Nurses' Association, I am most anxious to know the real cause of the very unfair action taken by the Council.

It seems to me they were in honour bound to support in every way in their power those ladies who, by their efforts both in public and private, made the Association its present success. Instead of this we find the Council, for some reason known only to themselves, trying to get rid of these ladies by a legal (?) quibble.

If the gentlemen on the Council cannot work with the ladies why not be honest and say so, and they should then, I think, retire from the management and let the ladies manage their own Association in their own way.

Then Dr. T. O. Wood steps in and asks these ladies and their supporters "to throw personal feeling overboard." Why, it is this very personal feeling which they complain is trying to remove them from the Council.

The Executive Committee have still time to reconsider their action, and it would be well if they did so, before they wreck the whole concern.

Yours, &c.,

P. BUTLER STONEY.

Comments and Replies.

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Miss Kate Merrell, Didsbury.—Please do not apologise. We are always very glad to help our readers in any way we can. With regard to your question, it is always somewhat of a difficulty for Nurses trained in the Provinces to obtain posts of authority in London Hospitals, so many of which give the Sisterships, &c. to their own pupils. But there are still some Hospitals which give these positions to those trained outside. The best way to hear of these is through friends and through advertisements of vacancies. But there is so much competition in London appointments, that to seek one often means to remain a long time without employment. We are sorry not to be able to give you more encouragement.

Miss Grace Hurditch.—There are some Children's Hospitals which admit Probationers of nineteen. But our own opinion is that the bodily strength of most women at that age is not sufficient to stand the strain of training. You might spend the next year in preliminary training, and you could not do better than to go through the courses of Lectures on Nursing, First Aid to the Injured, Hygiene and Sanitation, of the National Health Society, 53, Berners Street, W. If you write to the Secretary you will be able to obtain full particulars. Examinations are held after each course of lectures, and the training thus afforded is an excellent preliminary to entrance into a Hospital.

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