

## NOTE.

As the only published report of the General Meeting of the Royal British Nurses' Association has of course been a prejudiced and inaccurate one, we consider the matter of sufficient importance to place before our readers a verbatim report of the proceedings; and regret that in so doing we have been compelled to hold over all our general matter. The important letters which we have received will appear next week.—ED.

## Comments and Replies.

### REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

*Dietetic.*—We think the notion that raw oysters are essentially digestible is going out of date. It used to be an accepted theory that any patient, however ill, could take oysters. But our experience by no means points to the accuracy of this belief. We constantly come across sick people who find oysters very difficult of digestion in any form at all.

*Enquiring Nurse.*—Yes, one of the regulation emetics is sulphate of copper 8 grs.; added to 1 oz. of water. This mixture should be added to 6—8 ozs. of warm water. If not followed by emesis in a few minutes, give about 6 ozs. more of warm water.

*A Suffering Woman.*—The chief point as regards the protection afforded to women by the new Act, which came into operation on January 1st of this year, is that in case of neglect, assault, bad treatment, or non-maintenance on the part of a husband, the wife and children are not compelled, as heretofore, to make themselves chargeable on the rates—in other words, to go to the workhouse—in order to obtain a magistrate's order compelling the man to maintain his

family. Formerly, thousands of women preferred to suffer in silence, and provide for themselves and children as best they could, rather than endure the humiliation and degradation entailed by going to the workhouse. Now, this ban is removed, and the woman can obtain redress by bringing her grievances before a magistrate.

*Woman Student.*—Of course Oxford and Cambridge admit women to some of their examinations and allow them to take College courses. But what they deny them, and what is causing the present agitation, is that however brilliantly the women distinguish themselves, they may not attach the letters of their degrees after their names, and they may not wear the hoods their industry has won. All the same the Universities exact from the women the same fees as they receive from the men, who certainly get much more value for their money. We are glad to read your admirable views as to the necessity for women to organise and work with one another.

*Sister Emily, Birmingham.*—Thank you for letter, we shall be very pleased to exhibit the bandage you mention at the forthcoming Exhibition, and hope to give further details at an early date. The Nursing Conference will last two days, so we hope you will get a few days' leave, and trust you will be able to attend each Meeting.

*Miss G. Somers, Dublin.*—We should advise you not to enter a hospital for training if you are not strong—good health is essential for a Nurse.

*Miss Harrington, London.*—Two papers received. Will communicate with you later—if they are suitable—and also concerning reporting for 24th inst. The meeting *re* National Council of Women is open to the public.

*Ida.*—We consider your letter rather intemperate, although we can quite feel with you concerning the injustice of age being constituted a bar to work—if a woman is otherwise capable.

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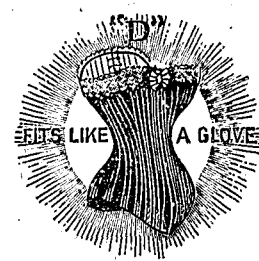
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