

Comments and Replies.

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Nurse Redmond.—We much doubt if you will add to your present income by taking up private nursing in Paris, where the expense of living is so much greater than here. The small incomes on which French people are said to live well can be no guide as to what it will cost you. A native "who knows the ropes" is at a great advantage over the foreigner. You will probably make about as much, as your introductions there seem so good, as you would make in London, in addition to which you will be able to gratify your love of travel and "foreign parts." We wish you every success.

Mrs. Wheelwright.—Many thanks for your appreciative letter. We are pleased at all times to help our readers. As you are Chairman of a District Nurses' Association, you must, of course, be keenly interested in nursing questions. With regard to changes of air for recovering patients, it is a good plan to appeal for letters to Convalescent Homes, and, as your Association seems fairly well off, you would do well to subscribe to some Convalescent Homes, one for men, another for women, and a third for children. It is an enormous boon in district work to be able to give a "holiday" to patients who are really in need of change of air and scene. The effect of such a change has frequently a beneficial influence on health, which lasts for years.

M. E., St. Petersburg. writes: "Will you kindly tell me if vinegar is a disinfectant or only a deodorant? I find it frequently used in the sick-room here. A piece of hot iron

is carried about the room on a shovel and the vinegar is poured upon it." It is interesting to see the universality of primitive notions. Vinegar is used in English sick-rooms sometimes in the same way. But it is assuredly not a disinfectant, and hardly a deodorant. It causes a clear, fresh smell in the room, but has no more antiseptic power than would lighted brown paper.

Miss S. J. Worcester.—We fear we cannot spare space for all the information you require; obtain the "Nursing Directory," price 5s., from NURSING RECORD Office, 11, Adam Street, Strand—the regulations of the leading training schools are printed at length. We regret that at present there is no defined preliminary course of education for Nurses, but it will come in time—progress appears slow, but it takes place imperceptibly.

Miss A. Long, Sevenoaks.—We regret that we shall be out of town at the time you mention, but could arrange an interview in September.

Miss E. Gorst, Barrow-in-Furness.—We agree with you that few women are inspired with real professional feeling, but we cannot wonder at this state of things. In another generation, the seeds of self-respect and professional *esprit de corps* which are being sown to-day will be bearing good fruit.

Mr. C. S., Darlington.—From what you write, we fear your daughter is not suited, by disposition, for the duties of Nursing. The Nurse must accommodate herself to her surroundings, and be prepared to face hardships as well as hard work. Encourage her to continue with her literary effort if she enjoys such work. We will gladly give our opinion on her M.S.

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