

Comments and Replies.

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

THE Editor will be glad to give information to any Matron concerning Nursing work in South America if she has any thoroughly-trained Nurses who would like to go out for three years. The salary is good.

E. D. Uppingham asks: "Can you tell me if it is necessary to have a full knowledge of Massage for a trained Nurse to obtain employment at Medicated or Turkish Baths?" but she does not mention any special institution. Establishments where medicated or Turkish baths form part of the treatment of patients would be guided by their own rules in this matter. All we can say is, that massage is often employed in connection with such treatment.

Sister Alice, Manchester.—Write to Secretary Pharmaceutical Society, 17, Bloomsbury Square, W.C. Women are admitted to the lectures and examinations.

Miss Ellerslie, Chiswick.—You will obtain the instruction you require from classes in connection with the St. John Ambulance Society. Apply to the Secretary, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell; he will advise you.

Miss S. T., Wolverhampton.—Paying probationers are received in many of the London hospitals; but we should advise you, if possible, to enter for the full three years' course as a regular probationer. The system of promoting inefficiently-trained lady pupils to the position of Sister after

a year's training or so is quite inexcusable now that so many educated women are prepared to pass through a complete three years' training. Twenty years ago the conditions were entirely different, and often made it necessary for the authorities to promote ladies to be heads of wards because their *general education* was of value in maintaining discipline and order amongst subordinates, taken from a class of women who are not now admitted as Nurses in any position.

Charge Nurse, R.B.N.A., London.—We entirely disagree with your arguments which, being interpreted, mean that "might is right." Nothing good is effected by brute force of numbers, where the minority has the power of argument on its side; and history teaches us that persons will fight and suffer for a *principle* with a courage and devotion against which it is impossible for tyranny to stand for any length of time.

Nurse Amy C., Salisbury.—We should advise you to write to the Matrons of the various Fever Hospitals in London. Six months' or a year's experience in the Nursing of infectious diseases is quite necessary before a woman can consider herself thoroughly qualified for private Nursing.

Woman Lecturer, London.—We fear the Society to which you allude, has ceased to exist. Apply to the Sanitary Institute, Margaret Street, W.

Miss Annie G., Dover.—We cannot recommend you to join the Society you name.

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