

## Comments and Replies.

### REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

*Mrs. Lyons*, the late Matron of the Blind Institution at Birmingham, kindly writes, in answer to "Attendant's" inquiries concerning "Occupation for the Blind," as follows:—"I notice in last week's RECORD there is an inquiry about the blind and their amusements, &c. At Birmingham the pupils played "draughts," the white men being made larger than the black, in order to distinguish them. They also have swings, gymnasium, &c.—in fact, they act almost like sighted children. The women are taught cane-chair seating, brush and fancy wicker basket work; the boys fret-work basket, brush and mat making."

*A Reader* writes:—"With regard to occupation for the blind, I should consider it almost, if not quite, impossible to play draughts. But what about chess? That and basket-making and some games, such as "Who knows?" would give great pleasure. If "Attendant" applied to the Normal College for the Blind, Norwood, I am sure she would gain every information she requires."

In reference to *G. P. Lancashire's* inquiries as to a Home that would take a lady suffering from rheumatism, Miss Berge Fry can highly recommend her to write to Dr. Fraser-Nash, 136, Haverstock Hill, London, N. Dr. Nash is a lady doctor, and takes patients into her Home, giving them every attention and comfort at very reasonable charges.

*Miss Alice M. Field, Chertsey*.—The best medical dictionary is "Hoblyn's Dictionary of Medical Terms," price 10s. 6d. It can be obtained from Whittaker & Co., Paternoster Square, London. We know of no reliable medical dictionary less expensive. We cannot answer simple inquiries by private letters, but are always pleased to do so in this column of the journal.

*Miss G. Stone, Andover*.—We thoroughly approve your conduct under the difficult circumstances, but are of opinion that no good is now to be gained by publication of the correspondence. The desired end has happily been accomplished without controversy.

*Sister C., Manchester*.—Any time after the end of September we could make an appointment to see you in London.

*G. E. Britton, Winchester*.—We do not prescribe! We should advise you to consult a duly qualified skin specialist.

*E. G. H. Lowestoft*.—Obtain a copy of the "Nursing Directory," price 5s., from the NURSING RECORD Office, 11, Adam Street, Strand; it will give you all the information you require. In all well-conducted Training Schools a personal interview is imperative.

*Correspondent, Melbourne*.—Many thanks for letter and information which we have dealt with in this week's issue. For the sake of the well-being of the patients, we object to three distinct shifts of Nurses, and are of opinion that the times off duty should be so arranged that no Nurse works for more than nine hours out of twenty-four. With regular half-days, and an occasional whole day, off duty, service might thus be reduced to the required 56 hours a week. Hasty legislation is much to be deprecated upon so important a matter.

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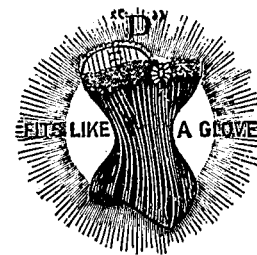
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