

Comments and Replies.

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

THE Editor would like to communicate with "A Member of the Royal British Nurses' Association," concerning "Some Old World Nurses." Please send name and address to 20, Upper Wimpole Street, W.

G. S.—At St. George's Union a three years' standard of training is shortly to be instituted, and lectures and classes of instruction are to be given by the medical staff and Matron during two winters. It would be advisable to make your application early, as a great many candidates have already placed their names on the list.

Miss C. Brett, London.—You shall have the information you require later on; at present arrangements have not been made.

New Pro.—Several enquiries have been addressed to us asking if it be true that metal hair curlers cause blindness. From the statements of some of our correspondents, it appears that there have been some warnings issued that serious eye trouble results from lead and other metal devices for producing artificial curls and frizzes. One lady assures us she has seen a placard outside one of the leading London Hospitals, warning the public (we suppose the feminine portion of it!) against the deadliness of such instruments of vanity. It is quite certain that metal and even some other kinds of hard hair curlers may be strong contributing factors to otherwise inexplicable headaches and neuralgias, and therefore, should be avoided by those whose tendencies are in this direction. Some of the bad effects of these "curlers" may be obviated by applying them very loosely. Common sense ought to suggest that metal instruments tightly screwed to the scalp for eight to nine hours continuously, must be anything but hygienic.

M. J.—The use of coffee as a "disinfectant" is distinctly old-fashioned, but we have seen it used quite recently. Some red coals are placed on a shovel, and a small table-spoonful of ground coffee is sprinkled over the coals. The result is a strong aroma of coffee through the room. As coffee is not known to have any germicidal effect, we think it would only be used by that large class which confuses "deodorants"—among which coffee may rank—with disinfectants, to which it does not belong.

Would-be Pro.—The system of preliminary education for Nurses has been successfully adopted at the London Hospital. The house that has been taken for the purpose is Tredegar House, 99, Bow Road, E. Twenty selected candidates are received at a time, and undergo a preliminary training lasting for six weeks, which they obtain free of charge.

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- F. Mr. W. Fry, Dublin. Mrs. Foster, Cork. Miss C. Fanning, Chicago.
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- J. Miss C. Garratt, Hull. Miss James, Lincoln.
- K. Miss Kelly, Dublin.
- L. Miss A. Martin-Leake, London (with enclosure).
- M. Miss Helen G. Mosse, High Barnet.
- N. Miss N. Newton, London, (with enclosure).
- P. Miss Pauline Peter, London (with enclosures).
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