

Comments and Replies.

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Mrs. Owen, Leicester.—Obtain the "Nursing Directory," price 5s., from the NURSING RECORD Office, 11, Adam Street, Strand. Your daughter's qualifications are eligible for insertion.

Miss Webb, Hammersmith.—You would find the Classes on Dressmaking you wish to attend at the Young Women's Christian Association, at Hammersmith. And the cost is very small.

Miss Allen, Eastbourne.—We hope to publish a series of articles, shortly, dealing with the very important subject on which you touch. We have frequently expressed our views on the matter, but we agree with you that a good deal of argument is still needed to enforce the necessary reforms.

Mrs. Pearman, London.—With regard to the question as to the best position of a Nursery, there can be little doubt that the conventional "top of the house" has its drawbacks, and its advantages. The advantage is largely for the adult part of the household who have thus a certain immunity from noise. This is especially an advantage in the house of a medical man. But it is very tiring to the small legs, and feet to trot up and down such heights as are found in London houses. And do avoid following out that horrid—if hospitable—practice of keeping the "best bedroom" for guests. Do nothing of the kind. Give it up to the children. There is nothing in a house which is too good for the little sons and daughters of it; and sun, light, and air, are more important to them than to "grown-ups."

Miss Bryan, Paddington.—Apply at the Paddington Green Hospital for Sick Children, where you will be likely to get the information you seek.

Mrs. Whitaker, Richmond.—The patient you mention would most likely be admitted to the German Hospital at Dalston, E. Write to the Secretary giving particulars of the case, and no doubt you will be able to get the sick man admitted.

Miss Webb, Kesteven.—In your own county every facility is afforded by the County Council, which grants Nursing scholarships to enable pupils to receive a Nursing training which qualifies them to act as rural Nurses. We have dealt many times with the subject in the NURSING RECORD, and have always urged that a thorough standard of training should be maintained.

Sister Ruth, Glasgow.—The proposed Commemoration of the Queen's Reign, leading to the extension of the Queen Victoria's Institute of Nurses, will have an excellent effect on the industrial aspect of Nursing. For its widening-out will afford additional occupation for Nurses, and will also open up positions of authority for the more highly-qualified who are capable of organisation and superintendence.

Miss Studley, London.—As you have obtained the appointment of Matron of a Home for Children of deficient intellect, you are well-advised in filling up the two months before you take duty, in learning as much as possible on the subject. Dr. G. Shuttleworth (late medical Superintendent of the Royal Albert Asylum, Lancaster) is giving some interesting lectures on "Points in the Special Training of Backward and Mentally Feeble Children, at the Froebel Institute, Talgarth Road, West Kensington.

Mrs. H., Byfleet, Surrey.—We wish your enterprise every success, but regret that it will not be possible for us to help you in the way you suggest. Your best plan would be to advertise your Home in the Nursing and medical papers; and you should try and get in touch with medical men who undertake such cases. They would then recommend your house to their patients. It always takes time to establish a connection.

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