

## Comments and Replies.

### REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

**NOTICE.**—Miss Martha Fletcher Beatty, R.B.N.A., member of the Registered Nurses' Society, asks us to state that she is not the member of the Royal British Nurses' Association concerned in the case of *Beatty v. Cullingworth*, heard last week in the High Courts of Justice.

**Miss Durham.**—You will get the information you seek by applying to the Local Government Board, Whitehall, S.W.

**Mr. Wilks.**—The State Criminal Lunatic Asylum is at Broadmoor, in the County of Bucks. Only those patients whose mental condition has led to the commission of criminal acts are received there. You might possibly obtain an order to view if you can produce sufficient grounds to warrant your visit.

**Sister Rose, Brighton.**—From your description the case seems essentially suitable for admission to the British Home for Incurables. Write to the Secretary, at 72, Cheapside, London.

**Sister Katherine.**—Your letter on the subject of a narrative in our last number, relating how a doctor professed to have converted, by hypnotic means, a criminal lunatic into a model trained Nurse, is very amusing. But you need hardly fear that "this kind of thing will introduce a novel kind of competition into the Nursing world." We think at any rate that English doctors and matrons will *always* select for their private, and for Hospital Nurses, women who have *not* been criminals, and who have *not* been lunatics, however interesting the transformation scene would appear from a psychological standpoint.

**Nurse Watkins, Battersea.**—We cannot help sympathising with many of the views you express as to "several retrograde suggestions" made at the recent Nursing Conference, and we quite agree with you that it will be impossible to prevent those "short-time" Nurses from entering into competition with *bonâ fide* and highly-trained Nurses. But not one trained Nurse lifted up a protesting voice at the Conference, thus leaving an impression that the profession were perfectly content with the conclusions arrived at. If Nurses choose to be so legislated for, this sort of unfair competition is only to be expected.

**Inquirer, Oxford.**—In answer to your question as to why Nursing Scholarships granted by County Councils could be considered illegal, it is enough to say that the purpose of Technical Education is to help in the perfecting of arts and crafts, but is not intended for the purpose of teaching trades. Were the grant to be used for trade purposes it would strike a serious blow at the system of apprenticeships which are so necessary in all crafts. You ask where did the Technical Education Grant come from? You might as well ask is Queen Anne dead? It is such an old, old story, so often told!

**Nurse A. Jones.**—Many thanks for the marked paper you sent us. It is a healthy sign when the country press takes up the crusade we started against the wearing by unauthorised persons of the uniform of Nurses. Such a proceeding is sailing under false colours, which must earn the contempt of right-minded people who devote even five minutes' thought to the consideration of the subject.

**Miss Whitaker.**—Your letter has been forwarded to the Manager of the NURSING RECORD, at 11, Adam Street, Strand. The editorial and publishing departments are quite separate.

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