

Comments and Replies.

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Miss Collins, Battersea.—Sick Nursing Classes for such girls as those you are interested in, are sometimes given at the St. Jude's Girl's Club, 64, Leman Street, W.

Miss Whitaker, London.—You might apply to the Domestic Economy section of the Technical Education Committee of the London County Council, Spring Gardens. The grant you speak of we should think might be obtained, but you will gain all the information, and the rules and regulations governing such grants of public money, by applying at head-quarters.

Nurse Edlin, Watford.—We are very sorry you are in such unfortunate circumstances. Unfortunately, at the present time, we are acquainted with several highly-trained Nurses who have the utmost difficulty in obtaining employment. The profession is largely over-stocked, and the competition of the vast number of semi-trained Nurses is telling very disastrously on all classes. The rural Nurses with very short training, with whom the country is to be flooded will still further increase the difficulties, and add new factors to the keen competition which exists. The proposed celebration of the Queen's reign by adding to the funds and widening the work of the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute will have a good effect for some time upon the condition of Nurses, and will open up new posts and new fields for work.

Sister E. Brett, Leeds.—The matter you write on is to be dealt with in some special articles, the first of which, "A Question of Age," will appear in our next issue. We quite agree with you that the prejudice existing against Nurses and Sisters who are out of "the twenties" is one of the greatest possible injustice and hardship. We hope to point to the hardships as they exist, to suggest the cause and some remedial measures. It is time the matter was thoroughly thrashed out.

Miss Bright, Liverpool.—The question of the admission to the Register of Asylum Attendants is by no means settled, as you appear to think. The matter is too serious a one, and affects Nurses' interests too closely to be allowed to be settled on the present lines. We cannot agree with you that "objection is of no use." Each person who has a vested right in the R.B.N.A. and its Charter, and this every registered Nurse has, is perfectly within her rights when she expresses her opinion on any measure brought before the Corporation.

Miss Roberts.—No Nurses can be received as Naval Sisters until they have had a thorough training in a general Hospital for three years. After this thorough training they are eligible, provided their social position and other qualifications are regarded as suitable, to become Sisters in a Naval Hospital. The life is a pleasant one, the duties not specially hard, but for every vacancy there are many applicants.

Mrs. West, Kensington.—Pupil-Midwives are taken at the Kensington Infirmary, which is quite close to where you are living; but no one is taken for maternity training who has not already had a general Hospital training. You do not say whether you have fulfilled this condition.

Certificated Nurse, Birmingham.—We are glad you approve the scheme. The Matrons' Council has had the matter under consideration for some time, and will eventually, we feel sure, make the publication of great value to certificated Nurses and the public. Address, Hon. Secretary, 8, The Orchard, Bedford Park, London, W.

Nurse A. Smith.—If you apply to the Secretary of the Royal British Nurses' Association you will get all the particulars as to the *Conversazione*, and the arrangements whereby the various railway companies issue tickets at reduced fares. And you will also get particulars of the regulations relating to friends of members who wish to attend the *Conversazione* (see p. 466).

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