

Comments and Replies.

Country Matron.—We shall be very glad to see you and to hear your views, of the matter if you will call upon us by appointment, at 20, Upper Wimpole Street. Why not join the Matrons' Council? which is formed in order that matrons may confer with one another concerning matters of professional interest.

Indignant, Leicester.—We are much obliged for your kind letter. Much indignation has been expressed at the letter in question, but we are quite used to these personal attacks, and are well aware of the source from which they spring. They have, of course, no weight with honourable people. We always take such malicious attacks as a great compliment, while praise from the same quarter would be an insult.

Juvenile, Birmingham.—We should advise you to employ the years which must elapse before you are old enough to enter a general hospital as probationer, in accumulating knowledge which will be of use to you in your future career. For instance—attend a course of practical lectures on sick-room cookery. Obtain training in housekeeping, such as that, for instance, which is given at the Women's Institute, 15, Grosvenor Crescent. Study the elements of physiology, anatomy, and hygiene. Acquaint yourself with nursing politics by reading the NURSING RECORD, attending public meetings, and conversing, as opportunity offers, with those leaders of the nursing profession, whose public work for nurses entitles them to speak authoritatively on these matters. Study further the elements of political economy; even an elementary knowledge of this science will help you to understand the nursing question. If you do all this you will find that the years will pass all too quickly.

Reader, Bath.—Read the *Woman's Signal*, which is

published at 30, Maiden Lane, Covent Garden. This is a paper conducted by a woman editor, with a regard to the best interests of her sex. The paper treats of woman's suffrage, and all matters especially affecting the interests of women. It does not, as do many so-called women's papers edited by men, consider that women have no interest in anything beyond fashion, food, and frivolity. We are very glad you find the NURSING RECORD of use to you.

M.R.B.N.A., London.—Signing the petition to the Privy Council commits you to nothing beyond the fact that you consider an independent inquiry into the charges brought against the Hon. Officers of the R.B.N.A. is desirable. Whichever side you support, it is obvious that the charges which have been publicly made should be either proved or disproved. The strong probability is that the side which courts, not that which shirks, an inquiry will come out of it the best.

Staff Nurse, Bristol.—Obtain Hoblyn's Dictionary of Medical Terms. It is a book no nurse should be without.

Miss E. F., Salisbury.—Why do you not apply for the post of Superintendent Nurse in a Poor Law Infirmary? There is much self-sacrificing good work to be done in this branch of nursing, and many country infirmaries find great difficulty in obtaining qualified nurses of good education.

Night Nurse, Whitechapel.—You will find Albene an excellent substitute for butter in cakes. Sample tins can be applied for from Broomfield & Co., 83, Upper Thames Street, E.C.

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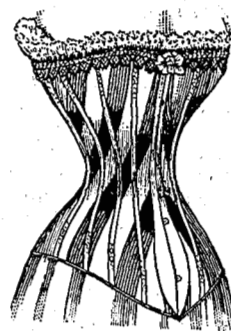
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