

Comments and Replies.

Sister G., Birmingham.—It is rather difficult to answer for individual cases. It would have been wiser not to have volunteered for Plague duty until you had the consent of your parents; if you feel it right to abide by their decision, and, taking into consideration the fact that there are plenty of nurses free and ready to go out to India, we should advise you to stay at home. It is a very difficult matter for a woman to break with home ties entirely. Parents do not yet realize that they must give daughters to public duty, in the way they now part from their sons.

Probationer J. S.—We consider Hoblyn's Dictionary almost indispensable to a probationer. It costs ros. 6d., and is well worth it. Try and learn as much as possible from clinical observation in the wards. Observation is one of the first qualities in a good nurse, and all the senses can be trained to observe!

Miss Amy J., Dublin.—Never brood on supposed wrongs. Go straight to the matron, and tell her the truth. Grumbling is an odious habit, and only demoralizes the grumbler into a nuisance, and it effects no good whatever. Women grumble as a rule because they have not the moral courage to speak the truth to the person who has the power to effect reforms. Nursing will never be a Profession until it is based on a liberal measure of self-government by the members of the vocation. So long as nurses must be "done for," so long will they remain unfit "to do." Another decade will see improvement, we have no doubt. The American superintendents are pressing forward very judiciously on the only safe lines, and our Colonies are also making great progress. The present discreditable position of nursing at home is the result of very keen competition between nurses for position and food, whereby the majority are open to bribery. Self-interest is now the moving spirit of the age, and nurses succumb to it in the general *melle*.

Mrs. A. Hudson, Bournemouth.—Thank you so much or kindly making the NURSING RECORD known amongst your friends. We are glad to say it is now widely-read by thinking and working women. Women engaged in the work of Poor Law Guardians and district visitors seem to appreciate it greatly. The flowers are lovely, and arrived quite fresh. You see we take you at your word and answer in "Replies."

Sister G., London.—A Hospital for Sick Children is being built in Athens, and will be arranged by H.R.H. the Duchess of Sparta, and we believe English Sisters are to be requested to organize the nursing. The Queen's Hospital is nursed by Greeks and Russians. A knowledge of French is indispensable. The heat in Athens between May and August is very trying, but not insupportable.

Miss Ellen Dawson, Brighton.—We think your idea good, and accept the article. Women are doing well in certain branches of journalism, but we should like to see them doing better work. Fashions, and what to eat, are subjects which do not appeal to us.

C. W., Hastings.—We should advise you to obtain "How to be trained as a Hospital Nurse," which may be procured from the Manager, NURSING RECORD Offices, 11, Adam Street, Strand price, 1s. 2d., post free. This will give you the information you require. We do not advise you to enter a hospital for less than three years' training. You would probably receive a small salary.

Ignoramus.—We should advise you to improve your general education by always keeping a "steady" book on hand, even if you only get half-an-hour a day for reading it. It is wonderful how much can be got through in this way. Read also good novels such as those of Charles Kingsley or Merriman, and do not forget Sir Walter Scott.

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