

Imagine the rush for shares by the effete and gilded youth of the plutocracy, and decadent aristocracy in the "Women's Wisdom and Wit Company, Limited." Its success would be stupendous. Medals, ribbons, and K.C.B.ships galore. What "peacocking" would result. Dr. Toogood would indeed be as one crying in the wilderness.

Yours truly,
"ANTI-HUMBUG."

[The exploitation of women's brains by men would be no new process; their ideas and work are already most brazenly absorbed by the human "cuckoo" and unblushingly put forth as "original genius" every day. Take, for instance, the Women's Jubilee Gift to the Queen. This was first suggested by Mrs. Fenwick Miller. Every penny was given by women to a woman, and yet we find a *man* the President of the Queen's Jubilee Institute, and all the practical power of management and spending of money in the hands of men. Again, take the British Nurses' Association. This society was proposed by and successfully organised by women; it has also been absorbed, and is absolutely in the power of male officials. The Army Nursing Service Reserve is another instance of *exploitation by absorption*, of which dozens of instances could be enumerated. But for these results we must not blame the greed and vanity of men. Rather let us realise that it is the result of lack of moral courage and disinterested action upon the part of our own sex. We are selfish and cowardly or we should never have become enslaved.—ED.]

Comments and Replies.

E.W.—(1) We do not consider that any nurse, however high her qualifications, is throwing herself away in devoting herself to district nursing. There is a wide field of usefulness open in this capacity, and nurses who take up the work usually get very fond of it. A drawback is that the remuneration offered is not high as a rule. There is certainly a great deal of real nursing to be done. We do not at all think that the poor prefer one of their own class to look after them. They are, as a rule, most appreciative of the services of a well trained nurse. Most certainly a district nurse ought to be as well trained as a private one, she frequently has great responsibility devolving upon her. (2) We should advise you to apply to the General Superintendent of the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute, St. Katherine's Precincts, Regent's Park, N.W., stating the kind of work you want, but for a time, at any rate, you would probably have to live in a home. We are acquainted with the Society you mention. There is plenty of good work to be done, but we think you would find it difficult to live upon the salary offered. (3) Yes, but the present matron is just resigning the post.

An Isolated Matron.—There will be a meeting of the Matrons' Council in October, that is the first opportunity for your application to be considered. You can obtain a form from the Hon. Secretary, Miss M. Breay, 46, York Street, Portman Square, W.

Nurse James.—We do not advise you to accept a post abroad, except through a well-known society or association, without making full inquiries from independent persons in a position to give you reliable information. Great care is necessary before accepting work of this kind. You would no doubt be required to sign an agreement for some years, and you might find on arrival that the post was not a desirable one

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