

## Replies to Correspondents.

*L. C. H.* (Petworth).—We should advise you to write at once to Miss Stewart, Matron of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C., and, if possible, get admitted as a Paying Probationer. You are not forced to stay the whole three months. *The Nursing Directory*, which you can order from this Office (five shillings post-free), gives the particulars of all the Training Schools. Let us know if we can help you further.

*A Puzzled Nurse* (Newbury).—You must always give your real name and address when writing to an editor. As a general rule the proceeding under the circumstances to which you allude is dangerous, as it conduces to catching cold, which might have dangerous consequences. Very few Doctors recommend it, and then only for some very special reason.

*H. Cruickshank* (Weedon).—*The Nursing Directory* (price five shillings post-free, from our Office) gives all the information you desire.

*Sister Monica*.—Send us copies of what you want printed, and our Manager will send you a specimen of a style and estimate of the cost. Say how many copies you will require.

*Mrs. Danvers* (Birmingham).—Yes; in the *Hospital* for 1887, you will find the opinions of Mr. Burdett and his present anti-registration clique, on the importance and necessity of Registration, before the Royal British Nurses' Association was founded on purely professional lines; and you will also find the historical document printed, recommending the registration of Nurses after *one year's training*,

upon payment of half-a-crown, and an annual subscription of *one shilling* a year. The secession of the Sectional Committee of Hospital Matrons took place just in time to save the Nursing profession from the danger of unprofessional control.

*Sister Esther*.—If you do not understand cooking and housekeeping, you have no right to apply for the post of Matron to a small Hospital, or Home Sister in a large one. When you consider that the health of patients and Nurses depends upon your knowledge concerning their food supply, you will recognise the necessity for thorough grasp of the subject. Give up six months to acquiring a thorough practical knowledge of the subject.

*Miss Annesley*.—If your health is delicate, do not attempt Hospital Nursing. Health is one of the greatest attributes a woman can possess in offering herself as a candidate in a busy Hospital. It is impossible to be a successful Nurse without it.

*Miss Holmes*.—Buy *The Nursing Directory*. You will find in it Hospitals to which you can go as a paying Probationer for a year. But we strongly advise you to enter at a large general Hospital, and obtain a three years' training and Certificate. Let us know if we can help you further.

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