

Matron's pretty sitting room, and in a few minutes Miss Allen, the Matron, came in, and greeted us with courtesy and kindness, devoting to us all the time at her disposal, whilst we patiently awaited the verdict.

After having made a tour round the Hospital, I could only come to one conclusion, namely, that the greatest order prevailed in every department, and that Miss Allen must be an admirable Matron whom it might be considered a privilege to follow.

With regard to the three years' system of training nurses there can be no question, and this rule ought to be strictly adhered to; but, at the same time, in some Hospitals, where the training is really thorough, the class of nurses very carefully selected, and the Matron a woman of discretion, who fully understands the sending of a nurse quite suited to the case, may it not be practicable to send nurses out to private families at the end of two years, with every confidence and good results.—I am, Sir, yours truly,

August 15th, 1892.

MATRON.

[It may be practicable—it has been proved to be so—to sell margarine for the best butter—to send out ignorant or semi-educated probationers as “thoroughly trained nurses”—to deceive the public in a hundred other ways. But it is not justifiable to make money by such dishonest methods—and now, that the important judgment of the Lords'

Select Committee has been given upon the necessity of the three years' training, it is only a question of time when the public will decline to accept nurses who have had a shorter term of Hospital experience. If this three years' “rule ought to be strictly adhered to” in the training, we fail to grasp the justice of our correspondent's argument.—ED.]

Replies to Correspondents.

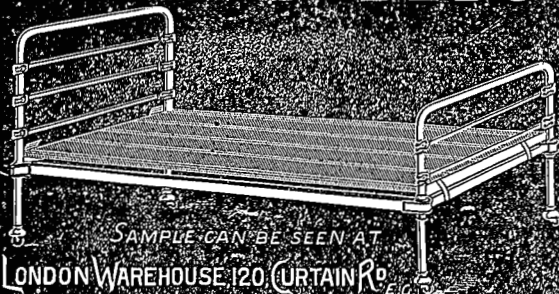
Miss Bassett.—We should advise you to apply to Messrs. Garrould, 150, Edgware Road. Roots' Cuca Cocoa you will find a most stimulating beverage in the long night watches. Don't get into the way of taking too much tea.

Miss Alice Green.—We have forwarded your letter to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, re Doll Competition. We should imagine your Institution is eligible.

Miss Adams.—Many Sisters complain of the same difficulty. A Committee is responsible for spending public funds, and is, therefore, justly anxious that a Matron should be a good domestic manager. A knowledge of the Theory of Nursing will not make the members of a household comfortable and contented, unless the routine domestic matters are organized with knowledge and skill.

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