

## CHARGES AGAINST NURSES.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Guest Hospital, Dudley.  
June 8th, 1897.

MADAM,—Enclosed you will find a letter from the Senior Honorary Surgeon of this hospital contradicting a statement that was made by a late patient's wife against the nurses, to shield her criminal action in removing her husband from the hospital against the doctor's orders. I think, before publishing any complaints you happen to hear of hospitals or nurses, it would be wiser and kinder to find out if they have any foundation.

I am, Madam,  
Yours faithfully,  
JESSIE F. PARSONS, Matron.

[Before receiving this letter we had already inserted in another column the letter to which Miss Parsons refers. It will be remembered that, in commenting upon the matter last week, we said that we felt confident that the nurses could clear themselves from the charge brought against them. We are most pleased, that they have done so, but we entirely disagree with our correspondent that this journal should attempt to ignore or stifle public complaints against nurses. If untrue they can be disproved. But to shirk inquiry in such cases is a tacit admission that the complaint is true.—[E.D.]

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- II.—What is the usual diet for a patient for the first week after abdominal section?

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## Comments and Replies.

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A. M. Field, Chertsey.—Obtain the two small handbooks published by the St. John's Ambulance Association, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, E.C.—the "First Aid to the Injured," and the "Nursing" Handbook; also Domville's "Manual for Hospital Nurses," published by J. & A. Churchill, 7, Great Marlborough Street. You do not say if you have had any practical experience in nursing. If not, it is a mistake to read much ahead of this.

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