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### Comments and Replies.

*Nurse B., Scarborough.*—The Annual Conference of the National Union of Women Workers is to be held this year at Norwich, from October 25th to 28th inclusive. A paper is to be read, on the morning of the second day, by Miss Gibson (Matron of the Infirmary, Birmingham), on the "Care and Nursing of the Epileptic," and papers on the "Work of Midwives in the Villages," by Miss Katherine Twining (Plaistow), and Lady Laura Ridding, on the afternoon of the same day.

*Country Matron.*—Why not join the Matrons' Council? Forms of application can be obtained from Miss M. Breay, 46, York Street, Portman Square, W. It is, we think, the duty of all Matrons to support their own professional organisation, besides which hospital matrons will find that it is necessary to co-operate in the future for their own interests.

*Ignoramus.*—The Nursing Directory, which may be obtained from the Manager, NURSING RECORD Office, 11, Adam Street, Strand, price 5s., will give you all the information you require.

*Paying Probationer.*—We certainly think that no nurse's education is complete without some experience of night duty. We should advise you to enter for the full three years' course in an institution where certificates are given

after examination. The certification of nurses at the end of a short period because they pay for their training is now, happily, becoming quite obsolete.

*Miss N. R., Rhyl.*—There can be no doubt that in the future candidates who can produce evidence of possessing a general education, and who have a knowledge of elementary anatomy, physiology, hygiene and sick cookery, will be more likely to be selected to fill vacancies for probationers than those who have no such qualifications. You cannot, therefore, employ yourself better than in obtaining a knowledge of these subjects in the time which must elapse before you can begin hospital work.

*Mrs. J., Sheffield.*—The best pulley for use in maternity cases is a knitted one. It should be about five inches wide, and knitted in cotton. This washes excellently, and is soft for the patient to hold. It should be of sufficient length to admit of its being doubled. It is then passed under the rail at the foot of the bed, the two free ends are passed through the loop made by the double pulley. It is not usually advisable to allow a patient to use a pulley in a first confinement. Useful pulleys may also be made of unbleached calico.

*Monthly Nurse.*—Every monthly nurse should know how to perform artificial respiration, as the life of a newly-born child may depend upon her knowledge in this respect, and she is undoubtedly culpable if she undertakes to nurse maternity cases without possessing a knowledge of the duties which she may have to discharge. If artificial respiration is to be used, the asphyxiated infant should be placed on a blanket on a table in front of the fire, the arms should then be raised slowly above the head, slight traction being made upon them. They are then slowly lowered, and the elbows pressed into the sides. Beginners usually make the mistake of performing artificial respiration much too quickly. It is important to remember [that all mucus must be cleared out of the mouth.

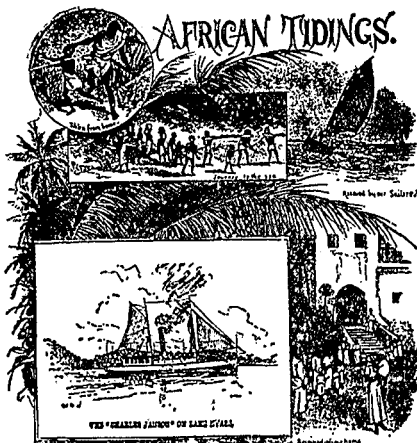
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