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Comments and Replies.

Certificated Nurse.—We should advise you to apply to the Matrons' Council to enter your name on the NURSING DIRECTORY, issued under their authority. Forms of application may be obtained from Miss Breay, 46, York Street, Portman Square, W.

Private Nurse, London.—A knitted pulley is a comfortable and strong one to use for private cases, where naturally the pulley to which one is accustomed in hospitals is not to be found. It should be about six inches wide and knitted in rather coarse cotton. It should be long enough to double. The loop formed by this doubling is then passed under the rail at the foot of the bed, and the free ends passed through it.

Sweep.—We think it depends entirely upon the amount of influence you possess whether such a plan is feasible. It is not an easy matter to raise a thousand a year. The wise course, certainly, is to form a committee, as you suggest, and get promises to this amount before you start work. Furnishing, also, will be a heavy item. It is always better, if possible, to have a building which has been designed for the purpose for which it is to be used, and adapting a house for a hospital means not only expense in so doing, but continual expense in keeping up, besides a large amount of additional labour for the nursing staff. Still it might be

advisable as a temporary measure. It would, in our opinion, be very inadvisable, if not impossible, to give the nurses only board, washing, and lodging. Thoroughly trained nurses—and only such should be employed—can command a good salary, and should receive it. Only in this way can discipline be maintained. Also if you contemplate taking payments from probationers, it is only fair to them that the nurses under whom they work, should be trained women. It is a mistake to economize in the nursing arrangements. It is necessary to remember that there must be a room suitable for use as an operating theatre. A mortuary is also a necessity, and in a children's hospital it is most desirable, indeed, almost a necessity that there should be an isolation block.

Nurse P., Leamington.—In our opinion all girls, who intend to become nurses, as well as all nurses, should read the NURSING RECORD. No profession can get on without its professional organ, and it is the duty of all members of a profession to acquaint themselves with all that concerns it. The NURSING RECORD is the only nursing paper which is edited by a thoroughly qualified nurse, therefore we hold it to be the representative nursing journal. You may not agree with it, you may not approve of it, but read it. At least it is the only nursing paper which demands for nurses any professional position and status, and for this reason alone it should have their support.

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