

rules she learns that she is "subject to the control of the medical officer;" she has charge of the domestic staff, house, laundry, and kitchen, and she openly boasts that if any complaint is made she knows how to give the Matron "what for"—if she dares to interfere with her department.

Under these circumstances what power can a Matron have of insisting that the patients' and nurses' food is good and palatable, or that the house is clean and sanitary, or that the linen is well washed and correct? None—none—none.

She is denied the power to do her duty, and the worst sufferers are the unfortunate patients.

LATE MATRON TO A FEVER HOSPITAL.

Notices.

THE MATRONS' COUNCIL.

THE Nursing Directory Sub-Committee of the Matrons' Council will meet during November, to consider applications for admission to the Nursing Directory. Nurses who have been trained in General Hospitals of 100 beds or over, and can be well recommended by their Matrons, are eligible. Application forms may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, Matrons' Council, 46, York Street, Portman Square, London, W.

We are sorry that we are obliged to hold over some of the letters we have received from our correspondents from lack of space. Those from "A Matron," "Another Matron," "An Onlooker,"

"A Constant Reader," and "Erin," will appear in our next issue.

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Comments and Replies.

Miss Henrietta Dendy.—Your question will be dealt with next week.

A Hospital Nurse.—See our notice to correspondents. We cannot insert your letter unless you forward to us your name and address, not for insertion, but because, in accordance with well established journalistic traditions, we can not publish letters from correspondents who do not send us these as a guarantee of good faith.

Nurse M.—Training in Midwifery is not usually included in the course of a general training, and you will probably have to enter a lying-in hospital for at least three months if you desire this experience, which you certainly will always find most valuable. In our opinion, you would be wise to devote at least a year to this branch, as the three months' course only gives you an insight into the work, and the value of practical experience after you have obtained the certificate of the London Obstetrical Society is extreme. For your three months' training you would have to pay a fee of from twenty to twenty-five guineas, besides paying one guinea entrance fee to the London Obstetrical Society, and paying for your own washing. After this, you would probably have no difficulty in getting a paid appointment.

Seedy, Liverpool.—It is never wise to take any but the simplest drugs on your own responsibility, and we certainly cannot prescribe for you. We should advise you to consult a medical man.

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