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*Matron.*—The efficient nursing of a cottage hospital frequently proves a difficult matter, because the Committees of these institutions do not, as a rule, understand, until they have had some experience, either that skilled nursing is an expensive thing, or that in proportion to the number of beds a much larger staff is required in a small hospital than in a big one. It is very usual for the Committee of a Cottage Hospital of five or six beds to advertise for a "Nurse-Matron" at a salary of £25 a year whom they expect to do all the nursing night and day! It is unfortunately not uncommon to find nurses accepting such an impossible position. The nursing of a hospital, however small, can scarcely be efficiently arranged without a staff of Matron, Staff Nurse, and probationer. Preferably, there should be two Staff Nurses.

*Certified Nurse.*—By all means obtain training in obstetric and fever nursing, and, if possible, in massage, before beginning private nursing, otherwise you will find yourself very imperfectly equipped for your work.

*Miss B. Baxter.*—You will certainly do well to make yourself acquainted with one or more foreign languages. In these days of cosmopolitan nursing it is most desirable to be able to speak fluently other tongues besides one's own.

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