

**Notices.**

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK, Hon. Superintendent, will see candidates for membership of the Registered Nurses' Society, from the 25th to 30th September, appointments to be made by letter.

Qualifications.—Each nurse must hold a three years' certificate of training, after examination, from a General Hospital, where theoretical and clinical instruction is given. Preference will be given to those candidates who, in addition, have experience in nursing special branches of disease, Gynæcology, Obstetrics, Fever, Nervous Diseases, and Massage. Mental nurses must possess a certificate of general training, and, in addition, hold the certificate of the Medico-Psychological Society.

*In consequence of innumerable complaints, we would advise our readers in provincial towns to order their NURSING RECORD through Messrs. Smith & Son's Bookstall at the Railway Station. In case they have any difficulty in obtaining it in this manner each week, we shall be glad if they will write a post card to the Manager, at our Offices.*

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**Comments and Replies.**

*Mrs. J., Bournemouth.*—We quite agree with you that it is advisable to bring up all your daughters to a profession. At one time, matrimony was the only recognized vocation for girls, and all the money available was spent on taking them out into society, and in attractive clothes, but now parents are more and more beginning to understand that it is their duty to equip their girls as well as their boys for the battle of life by providing them with a profession by means of which they can, if necessary, gain their living. It is only right that they should be independent of matrimony as a means of subsistence. If they find it their vocation, that is another matter. They may or may not continue their professional work after marriage, but they always have it to fall back upon should occasion arise.

*In Doubt.*—We do not recommend you to enter any private nursing home as a patient where the Superintendent is not a trained nurse. It is essential, in our opinion, that Home Hospitals, as well as general ones, should be under trained supervision if they are to be efficiently managed.

*Certificated Nurse.*—No definite length of training is decreed necessary by the London Obstetrical Society, but it is necessary that you should attend twenty cases under supervision. If you are able to get these in therefore there is not any reason why you should not enter for the next examination, even though you have not had three months' experience. It is, of course, desirable that you should have this; it is, indeed, all too short, but in your case the circumstances are exceptional.

*Country Matron.*—The next Council Meeting of the Matrons' Council at which members can be elected will be held in October. You can obtain the Bye-laws on application to the Hon. Secretary, 46, York Street, Portman Square, London, W.

*Nurse B., Birmingham.*—You should consult a doctor. Probably you need a holiday.

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