

### Notices.

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.

*Miss James.*—We shall be glad to consider the manuscript if you will forward it to us with a stamped envelope for reply.

*Miss P. Bromsgrove.*—The National Union of Women Workers, whose secretary is Miss Emily Janes, is the National Council of Women of Great Britain and Ireland. The offices are at 59, Berners Street, W. The minimum subscription for members is 5s. per annum. There is a branch of the union in Birmingham, of which the general secretary is Mrs. Barrow, 43, Frederic Road, Edgbaston.

*Mrs. Stevens.*—The usual minimum age for probationers in general hospitals is 23 or 24, but some hospitals accept younger pupils. We believe Miss Poole, the Matron of the East Lancashire Infirmary, Blackburn, is an advocate for beginning to train at an earlier age.

*Country Matron.*—There are two principal organizations of nurses in the United States, the American Society of Superintendents of Training Schools, in which the Canadian Matrons join, and of which Miss L. L. Dock is Secretary, and the National Associated Alumnae of the United States and Canada, of which Mrs. Hampton Robb is president, the secretary for the present year being Miss M. E. Thornton. Both societies have in their respective capacities done much useful work, with the result that nursing organization is well advanced in the United States and Canada.

*In Doubt.*—We do not advise you to enter a fever hospital before getting your general training. This should come first, and the special training should follow.

*Nurse P.*—We do not think that you should undertake district nursing work, even if you have got your certificate, at the end of two years' training. You should stay on in hospital if possible and get your third year of experience. Now-a-days three years' hospital training is recognized as the minimum necessary. In district work it is especially important to have had at least this amount of training as you are often thrown on your own resources, neither experienced ward sister, nor doctor being at hand in cases which need prompt action.

*Monthly Nurse.*—The patient should be advised to provide herself with a mackintosh, and with absorbent sheets made of cotton wool and gauze. If you are careful, when they are removed after the labour is over the bed should be spotless. You will of course prepare it with draw sheet and mackintosh and not dispense with these for the first fortnight. Mackintoshes which are long enough to tuck in at the sides are much more desirable than shorter ones which are apt to become creased, and in consequence uncomfortable. A child usually begins to cut its teeth at the sixth or seventh month, and the process is not as a rule complete till the second year.

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# NORTH EASTERN HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN,

**HACKNEY ROAD, SHOREDITCH.**

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## Funds very urgently needed.

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705 In-patients, including 180 under two years of age, were treated last year.

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1000 ATTENDANCES WEEKLY IN THE OUT-PATIENT  
DEPARTMENT.

T. GLENTON-KERR, *Secretary.*

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