

## Notices.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK, Hon. Superintendent, will see candidates for membership of the Registered Nurses' Society, from the 2nd to the 7th October, 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.

*Sister J., Eastbourne.*—The Royal British Nurses' Association is now a "close borough," all persons elected being *selected* by the hon. officers, before their names are submitted to the vote of the General Council. We observe that the hon. officers have had themselves nominated again *en bloc*. Such an arrangement year after year, must spell stagnation, especially when it is effected by persons who have proved themselves so strongly biased against self-government for nurse members. Nurses must hope for progress and support from other forms of organization. The demand of half-a-crown from members for every fresh insertion in the List, does not commend itself to us, as nurses who appear on the List have already paid a guinea for registration—a system which has been dropped, as no "Register" is issued—and if the List is to be developed into a Directory, the guinea should certainly cover the expense, or not be charged in the first instance; 2s. 6d. would cover all expenses. The Matrons' Council Directory is issued quite free of charge to those nurses who place their names in it after their three years' training is complete, and it is issued without a deficit. What the Matrons can do, the medical managers of the Royal British Nurses' Association can do—if they understand finance—or work the Association more economically.

*Mrs. James.*—The poem appears in a collection entitled "Sings through the Dark," by Mrs. Dora B. Montefiore, published by Messrs. Sampson, Low, Marston & Co., the price of the volume is 3s. 6d. We think you would appreciate another poem in the same volume entitled "The Working Women's Jubilee."

*Miss B. Smith.*—We should advise you by all means to obtain a knowledge of colloquial French, you will find it most useful to you. In these days, when private nurses go abroad so much it is indeed almost essential.

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