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WILL our readers kindly notice that communications for insertion in the current number of the NURSING RECORD should reach the editorial Office, 20, Upper Wimpole Street, W., *if possible*, not later than Wednesday morning. We receive much interesting matter just after we have gone to press which, if sent a few posts earlier, could be inserted, but is stale a week later.

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Comments and Replies.

Registrationist.—No greater proot that the public appreciate the necessity for the registration of nurses can be given, than the result of a house to house canvas in the interests of a Parliamentary candidate who supports women's suffrage. The proposition that many reforms desired by women are of public importance, but, as in the case of the registration of nurses, are again and again shelved in the interests of questions concerning which pressure is brought to bear by male electors, meets with an intelligent and sympathetic response, supplemented in many cases by an instance, drawn from personal knowledge of "a case which occurred in this street, where trouble resulted because an untrained nurse had been employed." The only objection raised to the need for nursing reform is that "doctors would not employ uncertificated nurses," the answer, ot course, being that uncertificated nurses flourish now, and could not do so if doctors did not employ them.

Staff Nurse.—Now that diphtheria is so usually, and rightly, sent to infectious hospitals, it is becoming increasingly unusual for nurses in general hospitals to obtain experience in the nursing of tracheotomy cases. Indeed even in fever hospitals, since anti-toxin has been so much used tracheotomy is much less seldom performed. At the same time no nurse can be considered thoroughly trained who has not had experience in nursing these cases. We should advise you therefore to obtain a post in a fever hospital for a year in order to gain practical experience in the nursing of infectious diseases.

Miss Brown.—We do not recommend you to enter any hospital for training which does not give a three years' certificate.

Certificated Nurse.—You would find district nursing a very congenial sphere of work if you are accustomed to, and like, work amongst the poor. The difficulty in connection with it as a rule is that it is so poorly paid that it is difficult to live upon the salary offered and impossible to save anything out of it. The labourer is worthy of his hire and the salaries of fully qualified district nurses should certainly be larger than they are at present, as a rule. This is a point upon which the public need educating. Even in connection with the Queen's Jubilee Institute the salaries of the rank and file are small.

the rank and file are small. *Certificated Midwife.*—We cannot recommend you to begin to nurse with your L.O.S. certificate as your only qualification. You will find that you need general training also, if your work is to be thoroughly performed. You cannot nurse one part of the body to the exclusion of all the others.





