

### Notice to our Readers.

#### STATE REGISTRATION OF NURSES.

Many requests have reached us that the all-important question of State Registration of Trained Nurses should be dealt with. Preparatory, therefore, to taking effective steps to organize those who are in favour of this form of legislation, we propose to insert every week a form for signature, which will be found among the advertisements on page vi., to enable our readers to record their vote for or against State Registration for Nurses. We most earnestly invite them to express their opinion by signing, cutting out, and returning the forms addressed to

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20, Upper Wimpole Street,  
London, W.

Fac-simile slips for signature can be obtained on application to the same address, and London nurses who wish to do so can sign the form at the offices of the Registered Nurses' Society, 269, Regent Street, W., between the hours of 3 and 8 p.m.

*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 the NURSING RECORD Office, 11, Adam Street, Strand, W.C.*

### Comments and Replies.

*Miss Oliver.*—We do not advise you to take a course of midwifery before obtaining your general training. You would find that you would have to spend so much time in learning the first principles of nursing, that you would not obtain nearly so much benefit from the opportunities afforded you of acquiring special knowledge; besides, it is a well acknowledged principle that general should always precede special training, of which it forms the basis.

*Country Cousin.*—You would do well to apply for a vacancy as a probationer sometime beforehand, as in all the principal hospitals there are as a rule many candidates on the Matron's list and they have to wait some time for their turn for a vacancy. Some of the provincial hospitals give excellent training. We should advise you to obtain the "Nursing Directory," issued under the authority of the Matrons' Council, which may be obtained from the office of the NURSING RECORD, 11, Adam Street, Strand, price 5s.

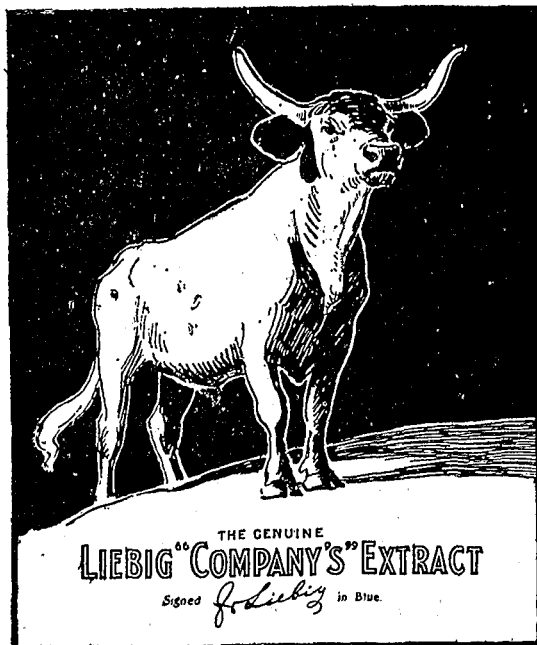
*Country Matron.*—See our note in this week's issue on "The Organization of Nurses' Leagues." We shall be glad to give you any advice in our power if you will write to us again later on.

*Indian Born.*—We are afraid you will find it difficult to obtain your passage out to India by acting as nurse to a patient, as invalids rarely go out to India.

*In Doubt.*—The matron of a hospital should be at liberty to go into the wards at any time, whether a member of the visiting staff is there or not. She is Superintendent of Nursing, and she cannot know whether the work for which she is responsible is efficiently performed unless she personally observes it.

*M.E.P.*—As you have not held a post in the nursing world for some years, we should advise you to obtain a vacant assistant-matronship, if possible, as we fear you would not easily obtain a matron's post. With your qualifications you ought readily to obtain work as an assistant-matron.

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