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"Points for Probationers," by Miss E. J. R. Landale price IS. A book of practical lectures on "The Nursing of Chest Diseases," by Dr. Bedford Fenwick, is now in the press. No notice of the book you mention has appeared in these columns.

the press. No notice of the book you mention has appeared in these columns. *Country Matron.*,--The League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses was founded in 1899, on the initiation of the Matron, Miss Isla Stewart, who was unanimously elected as President. The qualification for membership is the certificate of the Hospital. All applications come before the Executive Committee. The objects of the League are (a) By union to encourage the members to maintain a high standard of work and conduct; (b) For mutual help and pleasure. The League which numbers nearly 400 members holds a business as well as social meetings each year, and publishes, twice a year, a magazine called "League News." It is the first Society of the kind in this country, but in the United States, there are many similar organization which are there called Alumnæ Associations. They form a satisfactory basis of self-government for nurses, who are also able to send from these Associations duly selected delegates to represent them on national bodies, or at Nursing Congresses. For instance, the League of St. Bartholomews' Nurses has arranged to be represented by a delegate to be elected by the members, at the Congress of Nurses at Buffalo, U.S.A., in September next. No doubt other hospitals in this country will form their own Leagues, on similar lines to that of St. Bartholomew's and in due course, by combination, a National League will be evolved.

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