

### Notice.

As we go to press, we have received a printed communication which is apparently being sent to every member of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and which is signed by "Georgina Scott, M.R.B.N.A." It purports to deal with the proposal of the officials to enrol Asylum Attendants on the Register of Trained Nurses, and as we shall show next week it is most misleading, not only because it evades the real question at issue, but also because it makes a statement which is absolutely inaccurate. The whole importance of this document is that it proves that the officials are becoming alarmed at the great public and professional condemnation with which their proposal has been received.

### Comments and Replies.

#### REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

THE EDITOR regrets that several interesting letters have had to be held over until next week.

*Miss Annie Sheen.*—We quite agree with you that much credit is due to the lady you mention, for the part she has taken in the present discussion, and we hope that good may come from her public-spirited action.

*"Evelyn."*—We regret that we are unable to give you the

information you require. We believe the Editor of the *Lancet* is interested in such a fund; we feel sure he would afford you any information in his power.

*Miss Mary Jordan, Wanstead.*—You will find the information you require in the "Nursing Directory," which can be obtained at the NURSING RECORD Office, 11, Adam Street, Strand. We do not think it is possible for you to become an efficient Nurse if you only work in the women's wards, and we do not think any Probationer would be admitted to a first class Training School under such a parental restriction.

*Nurse A. J., London.*—We consider it a most unjustifiable arrangement that you should be sent to another case immediately you return from a case of diphtheria. You should, after *very* careful disinfection, remain in quarantine for at least seven days, and after a case of scarlet fever for at least fourteen days. It is exceedingly difficult for a Nurse to object to the orders of those in authority, but where, as in your case, the Superintendent is untrained, and there are no regulations in print concerning so important a matter, we consider your duty to the sick comes first, and you are acting unconscientiously if you permit a patient to run any risk of infection from lack of precaution on your part.

*Miss Amy Long, Ipswich.*—We should advise you to write to the Matron, Queen Charlotte's Hospital, Marylebone Road, London, W., who could give you the information you require. We should strongly dissuade you from attempting to undertake the Nursing of Maternity cases until you have received training and instruction in that branch of Nursing. The majority of the leading London obstetricians have experienced Maternity Nurses on their lists, but if you have a real love for babies, you are almost sure to succeed in obstetric Nursing. We do not believe that the comfortable handling of an infant can be taught, it is almost an instinctive faculty.

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