

### Notice.

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### Comments and Replies.

*Miss E. M., Exeter.*—We should advise you to begin a library of medical and nursing books of your own. They are rather expensive, but you will never regret it, and it is difficult to get on without at least a few books. It is a good plan to buy one book every time you receive your quarter's salary. We know some nurses who make a rule of doing this, and it is astonishing how soon quite a number of books are accumulated if this plan be adopted. We should advise you to begin with Hoblyn's Dictionary of Medical Terms, one of the most useful books a nurse can possess.

*Diphtheria Nurse, London.*—A steam kettle should always be safe-guarded by being placed within a guard, and the spout should be protected. An ordinary wire sponge basket, in default of a more elaborate arrangement, attached to the side of the cot answers very well. If some guard of this kind is not used, a child is very apt to scald its fingers with the steam.

*Paterfamilias, Birmingham.*—Obtain the Nursing Directory, price 5s., from the Manager, NURSING RECORD Office, 11, Adam Street, Strand. It will give you full information about the leading London and provincial training schools. We do not advise you to send your daughter anywhere where the certificate is granted after less than three years' service. Unless a three years' certificate is held, a nurse is

disqualified for many important positions. The Army, Navy, and Indian Nursing Services all require candidates to hold a three years' certificate, and the Local Government Board demands the same standard for superintendent nurses in workhouse infirmaries.

*Mrs. P., Liverpool.*—The subject you mention is an interesting one for discussion. Why not bring it forward at the Conference of the Matrons' Council, to be held on June 15th and 16th, at the Medical Society's Rooms, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square.

*Would-be Patient.*—We should advise you, before deciding to enter any Nursing Home as a patient, to ascertain whether the superintendent is a trained nurse. It is in our opinion, not advisable to enter any home where the head of the house does not hold a certificate of training.

*Nurse N. H., Surbiton.*—Your best plan is to write to the American and Spanish Ambassadors, and to offer your services. We believe, however, that in the case of America at least, the number of trained nurses willing and anxious to offer their services, far exceeds the demand; therefore the authorities would scarcely be likely to accept the services of nurses of another nation.

*Mrs. Rogers, Manchester.*—We do not prescribe! You had better consult your doctor.

*Would-be Probationer.*—There is at present no central preliminary training school. Schools affording this instruction have been instituted in connection with the Glasgow Royal Infirmary and the London Hospital, Whitechapel, E.

*Probationer, London.*—You will find your question answered in THE NURSING RECORD of April 23rd.

[We have received a lengthy letter from Mr. Almond Hind, the Secretary of Fitzroy House Home Hospital—in relation to our editorial remarks on April 30th. We propose to insert it next week, as it requires annotation.—ED.]

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