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*Provincial Matron.*—The Matrons' Council was formed to attain the objects you desire. Why not join it? It is only by co-operation that Matrons will ever be able to take their right place at the head of the Nursing profession, and they ought to take it. They cannot escape from the responsibilities which devolve upon them by reason of their position. Papers explaining the objects, and stating the bye-laws of the Council, may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, Miss M. Breay, 46, York Street, Portman Square, W.

*Private Nurse.*—Barley-water may be made as follows:—Wash two ounces of pearl barley well in several waters, then place a quarter of a lemon, which has been carefully peeled, and two lumps of sugar, in a jug, with the washed barley. Pour a pint of boiling water into the jug, and set it aside to cool. When strained it is ready for use. Barley-water is a drink which is preferred by many invalids to any other, and it is, to some extent, nourishing. We should advise you to keep a book, containing recipes, which you have proved. You will find it becomes a very valuable possession in time.

*Miss M. P., Dublin.*—Oil, which is required for enemas, may be heated by placing the basin containing it in quite hot water, until the oil is sufficiently warm. Enemata of all kinds should be given at a temperature of from 80° to 100°. Turpentine injections are given in gruel or barley-

water, in the proportion of half an ounce to an ounce of turpentine, to a pint of gruel or barley-water.

*Nurse Matron.*—Quilts are most satisfactory for hospital wards when made of some thin material, such as damask. This washes excellently, and is light and porous. A heavy quilt is disliked by many patients. The quilts at the Brook Fever Hospital are very pretty and serviceable, being of white damask, with a pale blue border. The same quilts are in use at the Liverpool Royal Infirmary.

*Doubtful Superintendent.*—The Male Nursing School, in the New York City Training School, Blackwell's Island, is making steady progress. The number of applicants has increased so much, that the men are not now paid during the probationary month. Their salary begins when they have been approved as probationers and regularly appointed. They then receive the same remuneration as the pupil nurses of the school. They receive a thorough and systematic training, and perform their work very creditably, and have received "honourable mention" for the improved standard of nursing attained under difficult conditions. The account of the male training school, in this hospital, is certainly calculated to encourage other Superintendents to start one on similar lines. We are of opinion, however, that in this country, the best training ground for male nurses would be in our Poor Law Infirmarys and Army Hospitals, if these were properly organized.

*Maternity Nurse.*—Ordinary roller towelling makes the most comfortable binder for a maternity case, if properly applied. To apply a binder without wrinkles, and so that it will keep in position, is not at all an easy matter, and requires much practical experience to do well. One lesson from a competent person would teach you much more than any written instructions can do. Various shaped binders are made, but we do not think that any of them are equal to the straight roller bandage, if properly applied.

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