

Notices.

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 our Offices.

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Comments and Replies.

Mrs. Leonard.—Obtain the "Nursing Directory" for 1899, issued under the authority of the Matrons' Council, from the Manager, NURSING RECORD, 11, Adam Street, Strand. This will give you the information you require.

Certificated Nurse.—The examinations of the London Obstetrical Society are held once a quarter in January, April, July, and October. The examination is both written and oral, a fortnight usually elapsing between the two examinations. Candidates must produce proof of moral character, a certificate of birth, and of having attended under supervision not less than 20 lying-in cases. As the examinations of this Society are conducted by a central independent body, its certificate ranks higher than that of an individual hospital, and as a rule all the Maternity Hospitals like their pupils to enter for this examination. The examination fee is £1 1s., half of which is returned to unsuccessful candidates. You should certainly take this course of training before going abroad.

Probationer.—The term hernia, does not necessarily imply this condition of the intestine, although it is most frequently used in this connection. Strictly speaking, a hernia is the protrusion of an organ contained in a cavity either externally or into a neighbouring cavity; thus there may be hernia of the lung, brain, or omentum. It is intestinal hernia which most frequently calls for operative treatment; such treatment being necessary in the case of a *strangulated* hernia. Hernia of the intestine may be of three kinds, reducible, irreducible, and strangulated. The hernia protrudes through a weak spot in the abdominal wall, and is contained in a sac, formed of the peritoneum which lines the abdominal cavity. The sac once formed, usually makes attachments and remains fixed, while the hernia slips in and out. But any inflammation may cause adhesions between the sac and the intestine—the hernia then becomes irreducible. A *strangulated* hernia is one which is not only irreducible, but in which the blood supply is also upset. The condition may be developed from inflammation, impaction of fæces, or other causes, but, when once established, tends to increase. Unless such a hernia can be reduced by taxis, operative treatment becomes urgently necessary.

Miss Elsie Bateman.—You would do well to obtain a knowledge of conversational French. With this you will be able to get on in most countries on the continent.

An Inexperienced Mother.—There is at present no central preliminary training school for Nurses, nor any except those established by the London Hospital, and the Glasgow Royal Infirmary. There can, however, be no doubt as to the value of a preliminary course, both to the hospitals and to the pupil probationers.

Nurse G. P. Birmingham.—We should advise you to obtain "Hoblyn's Dictionary of Medical Terms," price 10s. 6d. You will find it a most useful book of reference. "Nursing," Its Principles and Practice, by Isabel Adams Hampton, published by W. B. Saunders, Philadelphia, is a most excellent handbook on Nursing.

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