

Notices.

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Comments and Replies.

Country Matron.—A list of hotels, boarding houses, and lodgings, suitable for visitors to London during the week of the International Congress, has been arranged by the Hospitality Sub-Committee. It may be obtained from Mrs. Mackenzie Davidson the Hon-Secretary of the Hospitality Sub-Committee, 76, Portland Place, W. We should advise you to make your arrangements at once. Otherwise you may have some difficulty in obtaining rooms.

Miss England.—Tickets of admission for the Conference of the Matrons' Council, to be held at 20, Hanover Square, on the morning of July 1st, may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, 46, York Street, Portman Square. It is advisable to make application at once.

Certificated Nurse.—We must reiterate our often expressed advice, that it is most unsafe to accept any post abroad without trustworthy information concerning it. You should also have a written agreement.

A Tired Pro.—The summer weather is always trying to the feet. Frequent change of shoes and stockings relieves the tiredness, and it is said, by those who have tried it, that soaping stockings on the inside makes an appreciable difference in the comfort of those who are much on their feet.

Nurse B.—If you make a contract you are in honour bound to keep it. It is strange that nurses so often do not seem to realize this very elementary principle. It is certainly dishonourable to break a promise, and this is realized in the ordinary relations of life; but, when it comes to a written agreement with a hospital, the slightest and flimsiest pretext appears to some nurses a sufficient excuse for breaking it. Illness, of course, is a valid reason, but we do not think that because you have become engaged to be married that you can therefore repudiate your engagement to serve a hospital for three years. At least you have not the smallest right to do so. If the Committee of the Hospital choose to set you free, that is a different matter. Otherwise you are in honour bound to fulfil your agreement.

Mrs. Graham, Bristol.—You could not do better than obtain the Annual Charities Register and Digest, published by Messrs. Longmans and Co., 39, Paternoster Row, E.C., for the Charity Organization Society. The price is 4s., and it is a most complete and useful book of reference.

Nurse Child.—The books to which you refer are the "Golden Rule" Series, Golden Rules of Medical, Surgical, Obstetric, and Gynæcological Practice, written by experts in each subject. Each booklet is bound in white with gold lettering, and is of a size to be easily carried in the pocket. The price is 1s. per volume. The Series is published by Messrs. Simpkin, Marshall, Hamilton, Kent and Co., Limited.

Staff Nurse.—We do not wonder that the House Physician was annoyed. Of course you have not the smallest right to give aperients, or any other medicine without specific directions. Treatment is no part of a nurse's duty.

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