

Nurses who fail to do their duty little know the dishonour they bring to hundreds of their fellow nurses. The best training in the world is of little use, if you are not upright and conscientious yourself, for the poor patients know little of what is really one's duty. Hoping you will pardon my sending this to you. I am sure you do endless good bringing forward as you do the many subjects in the NURSING RECORD.

I shall try and translate your article into the Kashmir language and send it to a fellow nurse out there, who may be very glad of it for a lecture for the native nurses.

I am, Madam,
Yours truly,
E. M. N.

Tunbridge Wells,
24th July, 1899.

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.

Copies of the NURSING RECORD are always on sale at 269, Regent Street, price 1d. As this address is close to Oxford Circus, it will be found a Central Depot.

Comments and Replies.

Miss Bertha Roper.—You have not given your address in your letter. If you send it, we will reply to the questions asked.

Miss Bewes, London.—The best work on the subject you mention is "The Handbook of Domestic Medicine and Surgery," by Drs. Thomson and Steele. It is published by Charles Griffin and Co., London.

Monthly Nurse.—Thrush is always a preventible disease. It occurs in infants or adults who are on a milk diet from imperfect cleaning of the mouth after taking food, or from dirty bottles, and is caused by a fungus. If babies are hand fed a boat bottle should be used. Any food remaining in it after a meal should always be emptied out, the bottle thoroughly cleansed, and the teat washed, a brush being used to cleanse it inside. Both bottle and teat should then be left soaking in cold water until they are next used. Three times a day, and once during the night, an infant's mouth should be washed with a piece of wet linen rag on the finger, and many medical men order a preparation of glycerine and borax to be used in addition. If these precautions are taken thrush will rarely occur.

Mrs. Peters.—You will obtain all the information you require from the "Nursing Directory," which is published under the authority of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland. It may be obtained from the Manager, the NURSING RECORD Offices, 11, Adam Street, Strand.

Probationer.—The training given in a convalescent home, however long its duration, can never qualify you to rank as a trained nurse. In order to do this, you should obtain three years' training in medical, surgical, and gynecological nursing in a general hospital. You will then receive instruction in nursing cases of illness in their acute stages, and in operation work, neither of which are obtainable, except under very exceptional circumstances, in a convalescent home.

NORTH EASTERN HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, HACKNEY ROAD, SHOREDITCH.

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T. GLENTON-KERR, *Secretary.*

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