

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.

Isolated Matron.—You can obtain all particulars concerning the Matrons' Council by application to the Hon. Sec., 46, York Street, Portman Square, W.

Doubtful Patient.—It is usual to charge a disinfecting fee after an infectious case, in order to recoup the nurse for the heavy expenses of washing, etc., and also to enable her to take the necessary quarantine before going to another case without cost to herself.

Interested.—The methods to be adopted in the formation of the International Council of Nurses are now under consideration. Some time must necessarily elapse before the views of leaders of the nursing profession in other countries can be obtained.

Superintendent.—If you are forming a private nursing institution, we should certainly advise you to do so on the co-operative basis, this being, in our opinion, the most just arrangement for the nurses. The members on the co-operative principle take their own earnings, less a percentage, usually $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., which has been found to be the amount necessary to cover secretarial and office expenses. Seven-and-a-half per cent. means 1s. 7d. in the guinea, and as the usual earnings of private nurses are from £2 2s. to £3 3s. a week, besides board, lodging, washing, and travelling expenses when at cases, this means a comfortable income. When they are out of cases they board and lodge themselves. This method of management commends itself to the public, who do not see why they should pay £2 2s. a week for the services of a nurse, and she should receive a salary of £30 or £35 per annum.

A Country Correspondent.—All knowledge is valuable, and secretarial training during the years in which you are waiting before entering a hospital, will certainly be of use to you later. In a Matron, more especially, a knowledge of business habits and methods is most essential.

A Neophyte.—All probationers feel the strain of hospital life at first. If you are not prepared to devote your best energies to your work, we should say you have mistaken your vocation. It is quite impossible to do your work well if you try to live a double life. The claims of society are incompatible with the pursuit of a profession. It must be one thing or the other.

Private Nurse.—Many nurses find the same difficulty. There is no doubt that general hospital training needs to be supplemented by some experience in a Home Hospital, if the private nurse is to receive the instruction best qualifying her for her work amongst better class patients.

Staff Nurse.—We cannot advise you on the point. It is entirely one for your own Matron to decide, and we think you should consult her on the subject.

NORTH EASTERN HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, HACKNEY ROAD, SHOREDITCH.

Funds very urgently needed.

705 In-patients, including 180 under two years of age, were treated last year.

1000 ATTENDANCES WEEKLY IN THE OUT-PATIENT
DEPARTMENT.

T. GLENTON-KERR, *Secretary.*

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