

### Notices.

Will our readers kindly notice that communications for insertion in the current number of the NURSING RECORD should reach the editorial Office, 20, Upper Wimpole Street, W., if possible, not later than Wednesday morning. We receive much interesting matter just after we have gone to press which, if sent a few posts earlier, could be inserted, but is stale a week later.

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### Comments and Replies.

*Pupil Midwife.*—The great cause of post partum hæmorrhage is carelessness, and if you are careful in conducting the third stage you will rarely see it. It is most essential in every case that the hand should be kept on the fundus of the uterus from the time that the head of the child is born until after the placenta is delivered and the uterus is found to be well contracted. While the child is in the uterus it acts as a stimulant to it to contract. When it is born the uterus is apt to relax. The placenta begins to separate as soon as the head is born, and if uterine contraction does not take place, post partum hæmorrhage occurs. The reason of this is that the blood is


supplied to the placenta, from that part of the wall of the uterus to which it is attached, by large open vessels or sinuses which are unable to contract of themselves. It is therefore of the utmost importance that the uterus should contract and thus close the sinuses. Nature has two ways of arresting uterine hæmorrhage. (1) By contraction of the uterus. (2) By clotting of the blood in the sinuses (this usually occurs normally from five to six hours after delivery.) If the hand of the midwife is kept on the fundus as directed above, and uterine contraction is once well secured, excessive hæmorrhage very rarely takes place.

*Theatre Nurse.*—All instruments except cutting ones may be boiled for at least three minutes in water to which a few grains of bi-carbonate of soda have been added. On removal from this they should be placed in a solution of 1 in 20 carbolic acid solution for some minutes, and may then be removed to a tray containing a weak saline solution or sterilized water. Knives and scissors are spoiled by boiling. They should be dipped in absolute alcohol and then placed in the saline solution.

*B.M.E.*—Damages may be recovered from a nurse for an injury to a patient which is the result of gross negligence.

*Staff Nurse.*—To be eligible for admission to the Indian Nursing Service, you must be over 25 and under 35 years of age. The term of service is for five years, capable of renewal for a further period of five years at the option of the Government, and with the consent of the Sister. It is also necessary to pass a medical examination by the President of the Medical Board at the India Office, as to health. On re-engagement for a second term of service, a Sister may be granted a year's leave of absence out of India, on two-thirds pay, with free passage by sea and rail to and from her station. The rate of pay for an Indian Nursing Sister is 175 rupees a month, with free quarters, fuel, lights, and punkah-pullers. The rnpce is now fixed at 1s. 4d.

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