

### 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 the NURSING RECORD Office 11, Adam Street, Strand, W.C.*

### Comments and Replies.

*Sisters E. Ward and McMahon.*—We have forwarded the forms for voting for State Registration to you by post, the voting now stands at the rate of hundred for to one against, and as the forms have been forwarded from all over the country, including Scotland and Ireland, it is a most satisfactory test of the desire upon the part of well-trained nurses for professional recognition and protection by the State. We are a bit amused at some remarks sent on the forms such as "I earnestly hope you will soon obtain this reform," and the like. We, that is, one person, shall never obtain any reform without the help of the many, and moreover their work and cash. So that when the time comes for organizing a Society for the Compulsory Registration of Trained Nurses by Act of Parliament, it must be a long and a strong pull altogether, then we shall find ourselves ashore. The union of prejudice, self interest, and ignorance, combine to make a strong outflowing tide, the man at the wheel has his work cut out to steer straight, the stokers must get up steam.

*Sister, C., London.*—The "In Memoriam" edition of Mrs. Fawcett's "Life of Her Majesty, Queen Victoria"

(1s. 6d. net), with four additional pages, in which the publishers have added a few notes on "The Last Years of the Reign, and the Death of 'Victoria the Good and Great,'" is issued by Messrs. W. H. Allen and Co. Mrs. Oliphant's "personal sketch" of Queen Victoria, published some time since by Messrs. Cassell and Co., is one of the best popular accounts of the Queen's noble life and work yet produced, and the same firm will publish immediately a Life of Queen Victoria at a penny, under the title of "Victoria, Queen and Empress; a Life Story of Britain's Greatest Ruler."

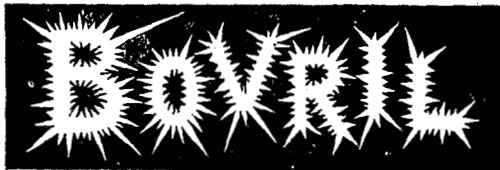
*C. D., Bristol.*—You will find your question concerning Mourning for the Queen answered in Annotations. Black gloves, shoes and stockings should be worn—may the fashion of brown boots and stockings worn by nurses in uniform, be thus discontinued for ever, they are very unseemly.

Send for a sample of Paget's Sterilised Milk—it is excellent for infant feeding. It is prepared in two qualities, No. 1 for the first six months, and No. 2 for the second six months. London Office, 23, Ebury Street, Eaton Square, S.W.

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"Placidity."—In our opinion testimonials should never be given to any nurse by any official whatever until she holds the Certificate of the Training School. Testimonials should even then only be given by the Matron and Superintendent of Nursing—not by any subordinate nursing officer—and by the Honorary Medical Staff—not by any junior medical officer. If this rule were enforced in hospitals, shoals of half trained and inefficient women would not be launched as they are now upon a trustful and ignorant public as private nurses—upon the strength of quite unreliable testimonials. This is a point of discipline and hospital etiquette which sorely needs publicity and reform.

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