

### Notices.

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### Comments and Replies.

*Operating Sister.*—Professor J. Hahn has used the following method of hand disinfection with success, and believes it possesses advantages over those in general use. The hands and forearms are scrubbed with common yellow soap and water at a temperature of about 104° F. with a boiled brush, the water being changed four times, and sufficient soap used to make a lather. After the second scrubbing the nails are cleaned and trimmed. The washing is then continued for four minutes with an alcoholic one per cent. bichloride solution, which is rinsed off in a one to two per cent. aqueous solution of the same agent (for one to two minutes), and they are finally again immersed in the alcoholic solution after the operating-gown has been put on.

*Nurse A. T.*—We cannot recommend the society you mention. The office is under lay management and the nurse members are not represented on the Committee. We have had several complaints of

favouritism—three guinea cases being kept for certain members of the staff; and there is no standard of training to qualify for membership—certificated nurses should make enquiries on all these points before joining a private nursing society, which should be organised on the co-operative principle. A highly qualified nurse should be in superintendence of the office, and the members of the society well represented on the Committee, and a three years' certificate of general training should be the minimum qualification.

*Nurse C. Moore, London.*—Surely it is rather a reflection upon the education of a woman, considered eligible to be a trained nurse, that she does not even know the French for cat—we have had numbers of letters on the subject of that pictorial puzzle—saying they could not guess No. 1 so did not compete; we think this a pity.

*G. M. M. (Brighton).*—We know of no society which sends nurses out to Australia. These federated colonies have a good supply of nurses trained at home, and do not find it necessary to import them. The Colonial Nursing Association, Imperial Institute, S.W., sends nurses out to the Crown Colonies.

*Mrs. Gillott, Leamington.*—We regret we cannot discuss the question in this journal; the so-called remedy is a quack one.

*Sister F., Plymouth.*—The RECORD is specially issued to give nurses a professional voice in the press, and you will soon realize that it has a field all its own. Questions of professional importance to nurses are determinedly boycotted in the nursing papers edited by the laity—that is no doubt the reason of the growing popularity of this paper in the estimation of educated nurses. We shall always be pleased to insert your letters.

*Certificated Nurse, Birmingham.*—Thank you for marked paper; we see your point that all real progress must come from within. Personally we have never been able to understand the time-serving and timorous instinct—nor to hope that tact can supply the place of courage.

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