One need scarcely point out what admirable surgical work is done in the small provincial hospitals, although comparatively little medical experience is to be gained in them. Here the work of the fever hospitals would come in. This is especially valuable nowadays, when enteric fever and diphtheria are not admitted to the wards of so many general hospitals; and surely it is not unreasonable to add chest hospitals and sanatoria to our groups, when we remember how large a proportion of our nurses will work in private houses, and that consumption, being responsible for 1 per 1,000 of the annual death rate in this country, must also be one of the illnesses most commonly met with apart from hospital work. Again, it is very generally recognised that it is undesirable to admit girls under twenty-three years of age to large training-schools, but I cannot think there is any objection to their beginning work at an earlier age in a smaller institution where they are working much more under the actual eye of the Matron; besides, many girls cannot afford to wait in idleness until they are twenty-three, and in no other walk of life is this necessary.

Affiliation will also prevent the granting of worthless certificates by small and special institutions, and check the increasing number of partially-trained nurses who at present issue from these hospitals armed with so-called certificates to the danger of the public.

6. Is affiliation practical?

Emphatically yes. This has already been proved in several cases, of which I may instance.

The Seamen's Hospital, which sends its probationers for six months to the Soho Hospital for Women. The training is recognised by the Nursing Services, the Metropolitan Asylums Board, and Local Government Board.

The Brompton Hospital, which has an arrangement by which its probationers receive a year's training in general work at Guy's, St. Thomas's, or the Marylebone Infirmary. This training is recognised by the Metropolitan Asylums and Local Government Boards, though not, I believe, by the Nursing Services.

An interesting discussion followed, from which we gathered that the Matrons present considered the scheme suggested both desirable and practicable.

"Don'ts" for First Aiders.

A set of six post-cards for the information and instruction of those who render first aid to the injured has been brought out by Mr. Fred Reynolds. They are both clever and amusing, and we advise all who are collectors of post-cards, to add them to their collections forthwith. They are published by Rynolds and Brandon, Ltd., Ambulance Experts, Leeds.