

diseases which I should have to nurse but knew nothing about? I should have been most thankful if, during my training, I had had some instruction as to the broad principles to be observed in the nursing of malaria and black-water fever, and the complications one may expect.

In isolated districts, where a nurse may be far away from a doctor, the European community depends greatly upon her, and all kinds of health questions are referred to her. Her knowledge or ignorance may turn the balance of life and death in the case of a valuable life. It is impossible to be too well prepared. If nurses going abroad could realise the extraordinary responsibilities they frequently have to assume I am sure they would think no trouble too great to qualify themselves as thoroughly as possible for their work. Every bit of knowledge one possesses comes in useful.

As an instance of cases with which they may easily have to cope, unaided, I may mention those of instrumental midwifery, sudden serious accidents involving the securing of arteries, and the stitching of wounds, heat apoplexy, and other serious conditions.

I am, dear Madam,

Yours faithfully,

MATRON.

NURSES' FEES.

To the Editor of the "*British Journal of Nursing*."

DEAR MADAM,—I also am a "Co-op." Nurse, and the fees charged for maternity cases are much less by our members than by maternity nurses who have only a few weeks' special training in a lying-in hospital. We are maternity nurses plus our three years' general training, and yet specialists with much less experience charge more. How is it? It does seem as if some regulations should be made and agreed to by thoroughly trained "Co-op." Nurses as to a scale of fees.

Yours truly,

"CO-OP." NURSE.

To the Editor of the "*British Journal of Nursing*."

DEAR MADAM,—One thing which I find difficult about fees, working as a private nurse on my own responsibility, is what fee to charge. Doctors charge rich patients more than poor ones; why should nurses not do likewise? When one is at a case where a large establishment is maintained, men servants and maid servants, and all the rest of it, it seems permissible to add a guinea a week, and again, when in a house where necessities only, and not luxuries, are to be obtained, why not drop part of the usual two guinea fee? It only seems fair.

Yours faithfully,

AN UNATTACHED PRIVATE NURSE.

[Every private nurse should have the scale of fees charged printed and presented to the patient upon engagement. Any other system must lead to disputes. To reduce a fee is permissible, but not to increase it at will.—Ed.]

Comments and Replies.

Miss M. Stapylton.—You will find Schafer's method of artificial respiration fully described by Professor Keith in the *Lancet* of March 27th, page 895, with illustrations showing both the inspiratory, and the expiratory phase. It is not a simple compression and expansion of the chest, but the subject being placed in the prone position the operator kneels by his side, or astride him, and keeping his arms outstretched with his hands on the lower ribs, brings the weight of his body to bear on the lower dorsal region of the patient in order to produce the expiratory movement, this being done by the pressure of the abdominal viscera on the lungs, and other phenomena. The recoil which occurs when the operator's weight is withdrawn causes inspiration.

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