

During my three years' training in a Hospital of upwards of five hundred beds, the day or night seldom passed in which the Matron did not visit each Ward, and judge for herself how the work was done, knowing well that careful supervision on her own part acted as an example and incentive to all under her charge.—
Yours obediently, A SISTER.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—As I wish very much to take up Sick Nursing, as a means of earning a livelihood, I thought perhaps you would kindly answer me one or two questions through the valuable medium of your paper. I wish to know if there is a Nursing Institute, where they engage ladies for Nurses, and have them trained, for their own Institute, at the Institute's expense, and after the ladies have finished their probation pay them a yearly salary. Having no private means of my own, I could not afford the three years' probation in a Hospital without some settled prospect of employment afterwards. I should be very grateful if you would kindly let me know if there is such an Institute, and where I must apply to.—Yours faithfully, I. O.

[We shall be glad if any of our readers can answer our correspondent's inquiries.—ED.]

* * A number of other communications, &c., not noticed in this issue will be dealt with when space permits.

VACANT APPOINTMENTS, WANTED, &c.

MATRONS.

LADIES' CHARITY AND LIVING-IN HOSPITAL, Brownlow Hill, Liverpool.—Wanted, at once, a SUB-MATRÓN, who is a Trained Midwife and Surgical and Medical Nurse, who can undertake secretarial duties and visit in the districts.

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