

Notices.

MEMBERS of the Matrons' Council are asked kindly to take notice that the Executive Committee will meet shortly to consider the arrangements for the Annual Conference in July. Suggestions as to papers, or questions, to be brought forward are invited, and should be sent to the Hon. Secretary, Miss M. Breay, 46, York Street, Portman Square, W.

Will our readers kindly notice that communications for insertion in the current number of the NURSING RECORD should reach the editorial Office, 20, Upper Wimpole Street, W., if possible, not later than Wednesday morning. We receive much interesting matter just after we have gone to press which, if sent a few posts earlier, could be inserted, but is stale a week later.

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 our Offices.

Copies of the NURSING RECORD are always on sale at 269, Regent Street, price 1d. As this address is close to Oxford Circus, it will be found a Central Depot.

Comments and Replies.

Probationer.—We do not prescribe. You should acquaint your Matron with the fact if you are becoming flat-footed, and she will no doubt arrange that you should see one of the medical staff. If taken in time much may be done to remedy the condition, but if neglected it may end in your having to give up nursing altogether, which would be a pity.

Certificated Nurse.—The advantage of joining a well-managed private nursing co-operation is that you receive your own fees, less a small percentage for office expenses, instead of their being absorbed in the management of the institution. The question for you to decide is whether you prefer to be provided with board and lodging and to receive a definite salary and to have no anxiety and responsibility with regard to cases, or if you prefer to take your own fees, and to provide for yourself when not at work.

Matron.—We quite agree with you that it is a disgrace to any institution to send out a patient, who is well enough to be up and walking about, with a bed sore. From the various complaints which reach this office we fear that the care necessary to prevent bed sores is not so commonly exercised as it should be. It cannot be too strongly impressed upon nurses that the occurrence of a bed sore is almost invariably one which reflects discredit upon themselves.

Certificated Nurse.—We cannot advise you to go out to South Africa with the hope of being employed to nurse the sick and wounded even if you pay your passage out, and your own expenses. Even the certificated and registered nurses of the Colony are not being employed, so you cannot hope for a better fate, and you will find yourself at the Cape with nothing to do, and in a country where food and the cost of living are at present very expensive.

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