

Notices.

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.

Comments and Replies.

A Weekly Reader.—We think that "Our Baby" a book for mothers and nurses, by Mrs. Langton Hewer, published by Simpkin, Hamilton, Kent & Co., Ltd., London, would meet your needs.

Army Reserve Sister.—You should certainly take some warm wraps as well as a rug, and a deck chair for the voyage. It is always cold at sea, at any rate, in the evening, until you get well into tropical regions, and the discomfort and, indeed, danger, of insufficient clothing is considerable. Except for the voyage, we certainly should not advise you to take other than uniform dresses. You are going to nurse the sick, not on a pleasure expedition, and an

extensive wardrobe would not only be useless, but a considerable encumbrance. If you do your duty you will not have time for gaiety.

Candidate.—We do not think it is inadmissible to send your testimonials to members of the Committee because personal canvassing is not allowed. It is most usual to have copies of testimonial printed and to send them with a covering letter to all the members of the Committee of Management. The plan is certainly a good one, as they can then consider the various applications at their leisure before coming to the meeting where the appointment is to be made, and form their opinion as to the merits of the various applicants. We wish you all success.

A New Pro.—You need certainly never be at a loss in London as to how to spend a day off, even if your resources are limited. There are many places of great interest open to the public free. There are the National Gallery, the British Museum, the South Kensington Museum, all containing priceless treasures, which may be visited if your day off happen to be a wet one, while if it is fine there are the parks which are lovely at this time of year, and the steamboats on the river. There are many excellent concerts and entertainments also, which you can attend for the moderate sum of a shilling so that you can well fill up your day. If you wish to go further afield a short run from Cannon Street, or Charing Cross, will take you to Chislehurst where you can enjoy delicious country air. Or from Waterloo you can easily get to Surbiton, where the river is charming, or to Hampton Court and many other interesting places.

Probationer.—We do not think you need be hopeless because you feel so incompetent at the end of six months, training. Your position would be much more unsatisfactory if you thought that you knew everything. Nurses are not made in a few months, but the most sure way of succeeding is to go on diligently every day, doing the day's work systematically and thoroughly; bye and bye you will find your feet and acquire confidence.

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