Hotices.

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.

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Comments and Replies.

Miss S. E. Britton .- We have never known an attendant make any extra charge for reading aloud, it is usually included in the fee for professional services. If the engagement is for reading only we should need to know something more of the circumstances before giving an opinion. *Certificated Nurse.*—We think you would be well advised to obtain the certificate of the Medico-Psychological

Association. It would certainly add to your usefulness and

efficiency as a private nurse. The headquarters of the Association are at 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W. Examinations are held by the Society on the first Mondays in May and September, certificates being granted to those who pass satisfactorily. In case of misconduct on the part of the holder of a certificate his name may be erased from the Register. The examination fee is half-a-crown.

Enquirer .-- The work of a stewardess on board-ship is heavy during the voyage, and the hours are long. Against this must be reckoned the weeks of holiday while the ship is in port. We do not think that under the arrangements at present usually in force, the position would prove a congenial sphere of work to a well-trained nurse. *Ward Sister.*—In relation to the directions for the treat-

ment of the sick you are of course, responsible to the medical officers for carrying out their instructions. With regard to the discipline and education of the nursing staff of the ward you are accountable to the Matron and Super-intendent of Nursing, who is directly responsible to the Committee for the efficiency of the department of which she is head.

Miss F. K., Tynemouth .--- We regret that your letter is not suitable for insertion.

Miss Peters .- You should acquaint your matron with the facts of the case.

facts of the case. Staff Nurse.—You would probably have to wait for a very long time for a vacancy. If you decide to apply for one we should advise you to take other work for a while. Newly Fledged.—We think it is very unprofessional on the part of nurses to give testimonials with regard to patent medicines, and to allow their names to appear in denoting the part of nurses to give the part of nurses to appear in denoting the part of nurses to allow their names to appear in denoting the part of nurses to appear of the part of the pa advertisements advocating these wares and promising to recommend them to their patients. Even if the medicines are all that is admirable, prescription of drugs is entirely out of a nurse's province, and she should studiously abstain from recommending them. A medical man would have every right to be annoyed if he found a nurse so invading a province exclusively his.



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