

sick. As you have remarked over and over again there is plenty for sympathetic women to do in getting funds and organising practical help without posing as nurses. As a looker-on I cannot but see that the medical department has taken care of the good name of its own profession by strictly excluding "amateurs" from assuming medical responsibility, and it appears to me that either they do not estimate trained nursing at its true value as a remedial agent, or they do not wish to maintain its prestige. It is much to be regretted that there is no strong committee of trained nurses at home to deal with Army Nursing, nor any Nursing Department at the Cape. I thoroughly sympathise with all your views on this question. The manner in which society women have ignored the profession of nursing in all their organizations at home, speaks volumes for the tone they are likely to take in South Africa. It is to be hoped when the war is over that our trained Nursing Sisters will take some measures to prevent in the future any repetition of the present scandalous condition of affairs.

I am, Dear Madam, yours faithfully
AN OFFICER'S WIFE.

Notices.

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.

Mrs. Morris (Londonderry).—We absolutely decline to divulge the name of any correspondent who furnishes us with information of which we make use in these columns.

Recently Appointed.—We should recommend you to obtain the "Century Invalid Cookery Book," by Mary A. Boland, edited for English readers by Mrs. Humphry. It is specially written for nurses and hospital training schools, and is an excellent compilation, containing explanatory lessons on the preparation of food and its chemical and physical changes, on the feeding of children, on cooking in connection with district nursing, and on the art of serving food in an appetising manner, besides many excellent recipes. It is published by Mr. T. Fisher Unwin, Paternoster Square, E.C.

Country Matron.—We should advise you to study the "Notes on Practical Nursing" at present being published in this journal. We feel sure you would find them most helpful in drawing up a table of work.

Nurse B.—Applications should be made to the Hon. Secretary, Colonial Nursing Association, Imperial Institute, London, S.W. We think it is very doubtful if you would be suitable for work in the Colonies after a severe attack of rheumatic fever. It is apt, as of course you as a nurse know, to leave some heart weakness, and in climates where you are liable to contract malaria or yellow fever this is distinctly a disqualification.

Subscriber.—The reason why you are unable to obtain a nurse with good qualifications is because you offer such an inadequate salary. A charwoman can command £1 a week and her board; a trained nurse can therefore scarcely be expected to be content with the £1 minus the board.

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