

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.

Bath Charity.—We have communicated with a Matron who recently wrote to us concerning suitable candidates for a South African appointment. If the post is not yet filled up you will probably hear from her.

Country Subscriber.—The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, is so called after its founder, a rich citizen of that city, who gave to the trustees thirteen acres of land on which to build a hospital for four hundred patients, as well as an orphanage for three or four hundred coloured children. The same generous donor also guaranteed, until his death, the payment of one hundred thousand dollars annually for maintenance, and endowed it with a further sum yielding an annual revenue of 180,000 dollars. It was

expressly provided that "the indigent sick of the city and its environs, without regard to sex, age, or colour, who may require surgical or medical treatment, and who can be received into the hospital without peril to the other inmates, and the poor of this city and State, of all races, who are stricken down by any casualty, shall be received into the Hospital without charge." Provision was also made for the reception of a limited number of paying patients. It was further expressly provided by the founder that a Training School for Female Nurses should be established in connection with the hospital. Mr. Johns Hopkins was of Quaker extraction, and it is noteworthy that the Society of Friends has produced many members, who gave most lavishly as well as unostentatiously of their wealth to philanthropic and charitable objects, and who have also been remarkable for their personal works of benevolence.

Two Staff Nurses.—You would find a tour in the Midland Counties very pleasant. Starting from London, you should stop at Oxford, then go on to Leamington, and making your headquarters there, see Warwick and Kenilworth. Stratford-on-Avon should next be visited, from there you might go to Malvern (we should recommend West or South Malvern in the summer months, as Great Malvern is both hot and expensive), from there you might go over to Worcester and see the Cathedral and the Royal Porcelain Works, the river there (the Severn) is delightful for boating. If, after all this, you have time on your hands, Tewkesbury and Cheltenham, and Hereford, all well worth a visit, are within easy distance of Malvern.

A Mother.—We should advise you to obtain the "Nursing Directory," published at the offices of the NURSING RECORD, 11, Adam Street, Strand, price 5s. This will give you the regulations of the principal training schools. Having studied these, your daughter should then write to the Matron of the hospital she would like best to enter, and ask when there will be a vacancy and if she will appoint a time for the interview.

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