

It will be convenient if you will kindly reply to this communication on or before the 10th proximo, stating on the enclosed form whether your Board would be willing to send representatives to attend the suggested conference should it be called.

Yours faithfully,
J. R. FOSKETT,
Clerk to the Managers.

[A conference on this important question would be beneficial; it would surely bring out the necessity of providing for the phthisical of the metropolis and other great cities being treated away from such crowded centres. Open air treatment by all means; but the air must be pure if it is to be used as a curative agent.—ED.]

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.

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Comments and Replies.

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