

will ever come. A nurse who has been to the States, recently remarked to me on her return: "I used always to be so glad and proud that I was trained in an English hospital, but I don't really know what to think since I have been in America. My point of view has altered considerably." For myself I feel as if I could never be otherwise than glad to have been trained in this country, but I should like an opportunity of enlarging my experience in the States. For one thing from what I can gather, the professional spirit seems so much more developed amongst nurses there than here. I want to know how it is done?

I am, Dear Madam,
Yours very truly,
BRITISHER.

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.

A Country Reader.—It is quite impossible to learn nursing by correspondence, or indeed, in any other way than by prolonged practical clinical work in a hospital under trained supervision. Theory is right and necessary in its place, but it is useless to teach a woman to nurse, she can only learn her work by performing the necessary offices for the sick. You should apply to the matron of a good general training school, giving a three years' certificate, for a vacancy as a probationer, if you wish seriously to take up nursing as a profession.

A Would-be Nurse.—You will find it difficult to obtain midwifery training anywhere, without paying for it. Few of the general hospitals include midwifery nursing in their curriculum of instruction, and in the special hospitals if you enter merely for a three months' course

A London Nurse.—We should advise you to attend the classes arranged by Dr. Fletcher Little. They are the most thorough with which we are acquainted. Dr. Little's address is 32, Harley Street, Cavendish Square, W. of instruction your services to the institution are not of value while you are learning the work of this branch, and therefore it is not to be expected that it can maintain you. We should advise you strongly to obtain your general training first and the special branches afterwards. In some of the poor law infirmaries, such as Lewisham Infirmary, you might obtain midwifery training at the conclusion of of the three years' course.

Enquirer.—We are not acquainted with any general training school in this country where male probationers are received. There are one or more special hospitals which admit them; but special training does not qualify a man to nurse general diseases. At the Mill Training School in connection with the Bellevue Hospital, New York, there is a well organized school for male nurses.

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