

relieve any Nurse going for a holiday, or to fill a temporary vacancy. If you will insert this in your next issue of the "Nursing Record," you will greatly oblige.—Yours very truly,  
BESSIE HAWARD,  
89, East Street, Farnham.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—Would you be kind enough to tell me if there is such a thing as a course of study which would enable me, before entering a Hospital as a Probationer, to learn a little about Nursing, and so make me more qualified to enter upon the duties of a Hospital Nurse? I shall feel very grateful to you, if you can answer this question in your next number of the "Nursing Record."—I remain, yours truly,  
A. B. C.

Les Replands Sur St. Croix, Vaud, Suisse.

[We should recommend you to read Huxley's small book on Physiology, and Miss Wood's standard work, "The Handbook on Nursing."—ED.]

Sister Alice, a Trained Nurse, Miss Mary Bland, Private Nurse, Miss A. C. Jeffreys: Apply to the Hon Secretaries, British Nurses' Association, 26, Upper Wimpole Street, W., enclosing a large stamped and addressed envelope for reply.—ED.

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Guardians' Offices, JAMES EDGELL,  
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1st August, 1888.

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