

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.

Copies of the NURSING RECORD are always on sale at 269, Regent Street, price 1d. As this address is close to Oxford Circus, it will be found a Central Depot.

Comments and Replies.

Miss P. J., Exeter.—We do not advise you to begin training at 35—that is, if you wish to take up nursing in order to gain a living. You would find very little demand for your services when you had finished your training, as few nurses' co-operations take on members after 35; and the limit of age for Matrons' posts, which are not easy to obtain, is, as a rule, 35. If you wish to obtain some knowledge of nursing to be of use to you in your home life, that is a different matter; but even so, 35 is rather old to begin training, and in many hospitals you would find a difficulty in obtaining admission.

Country Matron.—We should strongly advise you to urge your Committee to raise the term of training to three years—first, because we do not think a thorough training can be given in less time; and, secondly, because you will find that if you train only for two years your certificated nurses will be ineligible for many public appointments. The

Army, Navy, and Indian Army nursing appointments are open only to nurses holding three years' certificates, and the same qualification is required of Superintendent Nurses under the Poor Law, Charge Nurses under the Metropolitan Asylums' Board, and others.

Worried.—If you can prove the statements you have made to us, we think you should be able to obtain compensation in a Court of Law.

M. M. C.—There is no doubt that special training in children's nursing is a most valuable experience, and should be afforded to all nurses during their three years' training. Children in general hospitals should, in our opinion, be nursed in wards specially devoted to them, for their own sake, for the sake of the adult patients, and as a matter of training. In a general ward, children run a great risk of being spoilt; they seriously disturb patients who are acutely ill, and they cannot themselves be considered as in a ward set aside for them. In a children's ward the blinds should always be drawn down from 12.30 to 2 p.m., and if it be understood that the children are expected to go to sleep, most of them will do so. Then, again, the ward should be closed every night at 6.30, instead of at 8 p.m., as in the case of the adult wards. Children should not be taken up out of their cots and nursed when they cry, as they will quickly acquire the habit of expecting this. In a well nursed children's ward, a cry is a rare occurrence.

Mrs. Peel.—You can obtain all the information you want if you obtain the "Nursing Directory." It is published under the authority of the Matrons' Council, and may be obtained from the Manager, NURSING RECORD Offices, 11, Adam Street, Strand, price 5s.

District Nurse.—We do not advise you to accept the appointment, as we do not think you could possibly live on the salary offered.

Holiday Maker.—Why not go to Belgium and Holland? You would find very much to interest you, and you need not necessarily spend more than you would do in lodgings at home.

NORTH EASTERN HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, HACKNEY ROAD, SHOREDITCH.

Funds very urgently needed.

705 In-patients, including 180 under two years of age, were treated last year.

1000 ATTENDANCES WEEKLY IN THE OUT-PATIENT
DEPARTMENT.

T. GLENTON-KERR, *Secretary.*

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