

To our Correspondents & Contributors.

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.

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.

M. Smith.—We can only suggest that you write again, enclosing a stamped envelope for reply. Many Matrons

take no notice of applications unless a stamped envelope is sent, as they receive many hundreds in the course of a year, and the cost of postage to the institution would therefore be considerable. Or you might call at the hospital and ask for an interview with the Matron.

X.—The address you require is R. D. and J. B. Fraser, Princes Street, Ipswich.

Disappointed.—You will be wise if you accept your Matron's decision that you are not suited for nursing. We do not advise you to try to enter another hospital. You seem to have had a very fair trial, and even if you could get accepted, which is doubtful when your present Matron considers you unsuitable, a fresh trial would probably only result in failure and further disappointment. It is no disgrace to you to fail if you have honestly tried your best. You would probably be successful in some other branch of work though unsuccessful in nursing. Why not try to discover what you are suited for? You will probably, in years to come, thank your Matron for her discrimination.

Probationer.—Except in the case of those institutions which enforce the use of outdoor uniform, the question of wearing or not wearing it is one of individual taste. Many nurses are now discarding it, and there can be no doubt that it is no longer the protection it was in former days, when a nursing uniform would ensure to its wearer immunity from any unpleasantness, even in the most dangerous slums. Of late years, it has been so widely adopted by all sorts and conditions of disreputable persons, that it by no means conveys to the public that its wearer is necessarily a reputable person. If you decide to adopt outdoor uniform, you should still make a point of changing into a different dress from that which you wear in the wards, as it is most unsanitary to go into omnibuses and other public places in a dress which should be in an aseptic condition for use in the wards.

In the Hospitals.

In the "Daily Telegraph" of the 12th Oct. there appeared a list of over 400 Hospitals and Kindred Institutions of Great Britain and Ireland in which BOVRIL is now officially authorised and used. This wide-spread use of BOVRIL in such establishments is in itself a sufficient guarantee of its absolute purity and exceptional qualities as a nourishing, strengthening, and sustaining food.

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