

**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.*

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**Comments and Replies.**

*Miss M. E.*—You would only be doomed to disappointment if you tried to get work as a nurse in London without a thorough training. There are many certificated nurses who do

not find it easy to obtain employment, and unless qualified, you would have no chance of succeeding. Why not enter a hospital and become properly qualified? When you have a three years' certificate, you could undertake private nursing, and, if you work in connection with a co-operation, and take your own fees, you might make two guineas a week, when you are at work, less a small percentage for office expenses. If you do not decide to obtain training, you would do well to give up attempting to nurse, and to take up some other branch of work.

*Certificated Nurse.*—There is no hardship in having to pay for your maternity training so far as the maternity hospital is concerned. Although you are a certificated nurse, you must remember that you are quite ignorant of this special branch of work, and that your services are of no use to the institution during your training, during which time you rank as a probationer. We entirely agree with you that obstetric training should be included in the curriculum of a nurse's training, and in the future this will no doubt be the case. Nursing, as the daughter of medicine, should follow on the same lines, and require the qualification of efficiency in medical, surgical, and obstetric training, before certification.

*Miss Jones.*—We should advise you to learn elementary anatomy, physiology, and hygiene, and also to obtain certificates in domestic management and sick-room cookery. In this way you can profitably fill up the next few years, and you will find the experience thus gained of the greatest value to you in your subsequent career.

*Miss Lucas.*—We shall be glad to consider the manuscript if you will forward it to us with a stamped envelope if you wish it returned if we do not accept it.

*E. F., Canterbury.*—Thanks for information. There is no hope of improvement, under the present government.

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