

gesting any system of Army Nursing Reform to the War Office, or dozens more trained nurses would have at once been drafted into the military hospitals when the war began instead of the well meaning but ignorant men employed.—Ed.]

### 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.

*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.*

### Comments and Replies.

*Mrs. Bridges, Surrey Hills, Australia.*—We were delighted to receive your kind letter. We are glad you find the NURSING RECORD a link with home.

*Miss Peters.*—We are glad to hear that you bind your copies of the NURSING RECORD, as in the future they will form a historical record of the evolution of nursing in this country which it will be of value to possess.

*Country Matron.*—We are glad that you are feeling the need of co-operation. There is no doubt that Matrons of Hospitals will be compelled by circumstances to associate together for professional purposes, otherwise they will not be able to maintain their rightful position, a position, moreover, which it is essential they should retain, if good discipline, and good nursing are to be enforced in our training schools, and in the nursing world at large. Nothing is more significant of the attitude which is now adopted towards the heads of the Nursing Profession than the way in which they have been ignored in the selection of nurses for the various hospitals in South Africa. Neither on the Committee of the Yeomanry Hospital nor of the various other hospitals organized by private philanthropy, and supported by public contributions, have any of the Matrons of the leading training schools been invited to assist in the selection of the nursing staffs.

*Correspondent, Leeds.*—We are obliged for your kind letter. The *Outlook* is published by The Outlook Company, 287, Fourth Avenue, New York City.

*Miss Poole.*—Twenty-four is a very good age at which to begin to train. You should study the regulations of the principal training schools in the NURSING DIRECTORY, which may be obtained from the offices of the NURSING RECORD, price 5s., and then write to the Matron of the institution you desire to enter, and ask her to appoint a time for an interview. It is important that you should enter a school which gives a course of three years hospital training before certification. Some hospitals give a certificate at the end of three years, but require their nurses to do private nursing for part of this period. This would be much to your disadvantage in your subsequent career, and, further, your name would not be eligible for insertion in the NURSING DIRECTORY, issued by the Matrons' Council, which requires of applicants evidence of possessing a certificate of three years' hospital training.

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