

point of view she may not find the work as interesting as in hospital.

Believe me,

One whose life is neither miserable nor monotonous,
NURSE EMMA R. WHITE.

[In criticising an official report of the Visiting Committee of this institution we advised that as the nurses' sitting-room is close to the sick wards, that a New Nurses' Home would be the only remedy for the present inconvenience. We strongly condemn the construction of a building which compels the nurses to spend off-duty time in the vitiated air of a hospital, or the sick to suffer any annoyance from the inevitable noise of a number of nurses during hours of relaxation. We commend the spirit in which Nurse Emma R. White regards her work.—Ed.]

Notices.

MEMBERS of the Matrons' Council are asked kindly to take notice that the Executive Committee will meet shortly to consider the arrangements for the Annual Conference in July. Suggestions as to papers, or questions, to be brought forward are invited, and should be sent to the Hon. Secretary, Miss M. Breay, 46, York Street, Portman Square, W.

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.

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Comments and Replies.

Country Matron.—The Matrons' Council is an association of Superintendents of trained nurses. The Society was formed in 1894, Miss Isla Stewart, Matron of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, acting as Chairman. The need of some Association in which Superintendents could meet together to discuss matters affecting their profession was much felt, and the meetings of the Council have proved both pleasurable and profitable. Its membership is steadily increasing, and it now has on its roll over 100 members, exclusive of its hon. members, who are distinguished foreign nurses. The relations of the Matrons' Council with nurses of other nations has always been most cordial, notably with the American Society of Superintendents of Training Schools—a Society which has similar aims to those of the Matrons' Council. You can obtain all information, and an application form, from the Hon. Secretary, Miss M. Breay, 46, York Street, Portman Square, W.

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