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## Motices.

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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.

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 Depôt.

Comments and Replies.

Miss P.—We cannot advise your going out to South Africa with a view to nursing the wounded, even if you do so at your own charges. You would probably meet with disappointment when you got there, as we do not think your services would be accepted as a nurse. Nursing is not an occupation which can be taken up as the whim of a moment. It is an arduous profession requiring years of

hard work and concentration of purpose before proficiency hard work and concentration of purpose before proficiency is attained; and only those who have passed through at least a three years' term of training, and are of proved efficiency, are professionally qualified for the responsible work of active nursing service. Our wounded soldiers have the right to expect that only thoroughly trained nurses shall be employed to attend them. We must therefore suggest that your patriotism should take another form. There are many ways in which you might be of use-making and collecting warm garments being one of them. *Primale Nurse.* – Coffee jelly is much appreciated by

Private Nurse, - Coffee jelly is much appreciated by invalids, and may be made as follows. Soak a quarter of a box of gelatine in a quarter of a cup of cold water for half an hour, then pour on to this a cupful of boiling water and put into it half a cupful of strong coffee (made in the proportion into it half a cupful of strong coffee (made in the proportion of two tablespoonfuls of coffee to the cup of water), half a cupful of sugar and half a teaspoonful of vanilla. Strain this throngh a napkin into a glass dish, and cool either in a refrigerator, or by standing in cold water. Serve with sweet cream and sugar, or, if the jelly is moulded, with whipped cream arranged round it. *Certificated.*—The usual fees for midwifery training for three months are from twenty to twenty-five guineas. There is also an entrance fee of  $\pounds 1$  1s. for the examination of the London Obstetrical Society. You might apply to the Matrons of the Lying-in Hospital, York Road, Lambeth' Queen Charlotte's Hospital, Marylebone Road, and the Lying-in Hospital, City Road, with regard to vacancies. *A Provincial.*—We think you would be wise to wait for the vacancy you mention, even if you have to wait a while.

the vacancy you mention, even if you have to wait a while. All the best training schools have many more applications than vacancies, and consequently most candidates who are accepted have to wait some time for their turn; but this is more satisfactory in the end than entering a training school which does not rank so high in the nursing world merely because you can be admitted sooner.



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STANLEY SMITH, Secretary.



