

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. Peters.—You will find all the information you require in the "Nursing Directory," issued under the authority of the Matrons' Council. It is obtainable from the Manager, at the offices of the NURSING RECORD, 11, Adam Street, Strand, price 5s.

A Doctor's Widow.—We cannot advise your undertaking the management of a private nursing home simply because you think you can get a connection through your late husband's friends. The responsibility for the efficient nursing of the sick is a serious one, and in our opinion should only be undertaken by certificated graduates of hospitals. The position of the superintendent of a nursing home is even more onerous than that of a ward-sister in a hospital, for in the latter institution medical assistance is always quickly obtainable as there is a resident medical staff, while,

in a nursing home, there is no resident medical officer, and the responsibility which devolves upon the Superintendent is great.

Certificated Nurse.—The limit of age for appointment as a Nursing Sister in the Royal Navy Nursing Service, is 40. There are, however, few vacancies and many applications for them, so that you would probably have to wait for some time, even if you are ultimately appointed.

Country Subscriber.—We are always glad to consider articles with a view to publication. A stamped envelope should be always enclosed in order that the manuscript may be returned if unsuitable.

District Nurse.—We think you should refuse to undertake monthly nursing in conjunction with general work. Your Committee may not understand the risks involved in combining the two, but you cannot place all the responsibility on their shoulders; you must accept your own share of it, which is a large one. You know the danger to the mother which is incurred by this indiscriminate nursing, and you should not hesitate to say so. Probably your Committee would be amenable to reason if you put the facts fully and plainly before them.

In Doubt.—We do not approve of any system of nursing the poor founded on the principle of providing inadequately trained nurses for the sake of cheapness. The responsibility which falls upon district nurses, especially in country places, where frequently it is impossible to obtain a medical man at once is often great. If we profess to cater for our poorer neighbours we should at least insist upon their having as skilled help as we should expect in illness ourselves. The three years' standard of training is the least which can be regarded as adequate.

Miss Phillips.—You would obtain thoroughly sound training at many of the provincial training schools.

Committee Man.—Small cottage hospitals require a nursing staff large in proportion to the number of beds. There must be a night nurse and there must be a nurse to assist the Matron in the day time.

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