

### Notices.

THE Hon. Secretary of the Matrons' Council will be obliged if members who propose to be present at the Council Meeting at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 6th, will communicate their intention to her. She would be pleased to arrange about luncheon, as she has invitations for a certain number.

An offer of hospitality to a country member during the Conference has been kindly made by Mrs. Lancelot Andrews. Will any country member desiring to avail herself of this, communicate with the Hon. Secretary, Miss M. Breay, 46, York Street, Portman Square, London, W.

By a printer's error the date of the Conference was last week announced as June 5th and 6th. It should, of course, be July 5th and 6th.

*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.

*Pupil Midwife.*—We should certainly advise you to go in for the Examination of the London Obstetrical Society. The certificate of this Society will be of more value to you than that of any hospital, though you should obtain the certificate of the hospital which trains you as well. We thoroughly approve of your taking out this course. It is a most desirable addition to a nurse's training, and it is greatly to be regretted that maternity nursing is so frequently dissociated from general nursing, and so few hospitals afford their nurses any facilities, or even encouragement, to obtain instruction in this most important branch of nursing. There are few trained nurses who can wash and dress an infant properly, yet surely they should know how to do this, for a sick infant may at any moment come under their care. This art is best learnt in a maternity ward, for nurses should know how to perform it dexterously in the case of a healthy child before they are permitted to touch a sick one.

*Traveller.*—Very thin clothing of wool, or silk and wool, should always be worn next the skin in tropical climates. A sun hat, either a pith helmet, or a felt hat—the double, not the single, terai—must always be worn out of doors from nine to four or five o'clock. Before and after those hours ordinary English hats may be worn. You should also obtain white cotton covers for your umbrellas. They may be got at the Army and Navy Stores for 2s. each. Corsets should be of the best quality and only whalebone used in them, as steel becomes rusty from perspiration and spoils underlinen. It is advisable, indeed essential, to take white stockings, as the inevitable mosquito bites are apt to become inflamed and poisoned if coloured stockings are worn. Washing shirts, with skirts of some thin dark material, or white washing coats and skirts, are most useful for outdoor wear. An outdoor uniform is quite impracticable.

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