

### 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.

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### Comments and Replies.

*Provincial Nurse.*—We quite agree with you that it would be well if a short and concise account of the case for registration could be drawn up and freely circulated. We will see what can be done in the matter.

*Twenty-one.*—You will find children's training most useful to you, and you could not better than enter a children's hospital until you are of an age to be received in a general hospital for training, but do not be content without obtaining a three years' certificate of general training from a good school. You must not forget that children's training, though valuable, is only a special branch.

*Miss A. Brown.*—You should make your application some time, even a year, before you wish to be received as

a probationer, at most of the best training schools you will probably have to wait some time for a vacancy.

*An Isolated Matron.*—You can obtain an application form for membership of the Matrons' Council by writing to the Hon. Secretary, Miss M. Brey, 46, York Street, Portman Square, London, W., who will be pleased to forward all particulars concerning it.

*Assistant Nurse.*—By all means indulge in your liking for bicycling. It is a great thing to have a hobby, and indeed the bicycle has now become such an ordinary means of locomotion that it can scarcely be considered a hobby any longer. Our objections to this recreation for nurses have never been advanced against its legitimate indulgence, but against the thoughtless way in which some private nurses take their machines about with them, without even ascertaining whether it is agreeable to the patient that they should do so or not. It often happens in small houses that it is a serious inconvenience to house a bicycle, and a nurse should not outrage ordinary courtesy by taking her machine until she knows the wishes of her employer.

*Nurse P., Liverpool.*—You will find no conveniences for nursing on board ship; quite the reverse. If your patient can afford a deck cabin it is greatly to be desired, but, as a rule, the cost of such a cabin is half as much again as ordinary first class fare.

*Mrs. Phillips.*—We cannot recommend you to open a private nursing home. Such institutions should always be controlled and superintended by fully qualified nurses. The responsibility in connection with them is great, and it is not right that the life of patients should be imperilled by untrained supervision. Perhaps a boarding-house for women workers, if run on the right lines, might answer. There is a great demand for suitable accommodation from this class of women; but it must be remembered that they are grown up and responsible persons, not charity school children, and needless restrictions and irritating rules must be avoided if such a house is to be a success.

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