

Council, but we have nothing. Could we not have an association definitely formed for this purpose?

Yours faithfully,
ONE WHO IS WILLING TO WORK FOR IT.

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.

Country Matron.—The objects of the Matrons' Council are (1) To enable members to take counsel together upon matters affecting their profession. (2) To bring about a uniform system of education, examination, certification and State registration for nurses in British hospitals. (3) To hold conferences to discuss subjects of professional and also

of general interest. Membership is open to women who are, or have been, Matrons of Hospitals, and Superintendents of Nursing Institutions who are trained nurses. Forms of application for membership and further information may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, Miss M. Brey, 46, York Street, Portman Square, London, W.

Constant Subscriber.—We agree with you, the attempt to belittle Mr. Burdett Coutts' revelations with regard to the nursing arrangements in South Africa, as a party question, is most unworthy. Few things are sacred to political wire pullers, but allegations as to inefficiency in the care of our sick soldiers should surely receive impartial investigation from all men, whatever their shade of political opinion—that is, if they do not wish to appear contemptible to the whole civilized world.

Anxious Mother.—A healthy infant may have a bath every day from the day of its birth, and, in our opinion, is much the better for it. Its face should be washed with a soft sponge, and each eye bathed separately, away from the other. Then, lying on the lap of the nurse, the child should be cleansed all over with a well soaped flannel—once soaping should suffice—and then placed in the bath, the temperature of which should be tested by a thermometer. The child's head should always be supported by the nurse's hand. It is then received by the nurse into a warm bath towel and carefully dried, special attention being paid to creases, such as occur in the neck, under the arms, and in the groins, which must be well powdered after being dried or excoriation may occur.

Provincial Matron.—We heartily approve of your conducting the examination in practical nursing. An ideal condition would be to invite a colleague from another hospital to undertake this duty. An outside examiner is, in our opinion, always to be preferred. The principle that the probationers' knowledge of practical nursing should be tested by an experienced nurse is established by your conducting the examination, and is probably as much as you could achieve at present. We are glad you find the NURSING RECORD so useful.

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