

The Record Offices.

THE EXHIBITION ROOMS.

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CANDLES and soaps are things about which nurses are somewhat fastidious; but the most captious of nurses would find it difficult to give anything but praise to these articles, as supplied by Messrs. Price. Price's candles are so well known as scarcely to require, perhaps, further introduction, but if there are any nurses who are still unacquainted with their merits they may inspect samples of these articles in the Exhibition Rooms, 11, Adam Street, Strand. Perhaps less well known than the ordinary varieties are the glycerine and sanitary soaps, supplied by this firm, as well as the night lights—articles so frequently requisitioned by private nurses. Other utilities are the glycerine, and glycerine and rose water, as well as petroleum jelly, yellow and white ceratine, and various other dainty preparations which nurses cannot fail, we think, to appreciate.

The excellencies of Vimbos have, on a former occasion, been referred to in the NURSING RECORD, and at the Offices the various preparations of this valuable article may be inspected. Fluid beef, invalid Vimbos, and Vimbos lozenges—specially to be recommended to cyclists on account of their extreme portability and staying properties—are on view, as well as other preparations by the same firm. It is at all times difficult to get a variety in the way of palatable soups and meat extracts for invalids, and a really good article, which we may add to our category of these requisites, is always welcome.

In last week's NURSING RECORD we commented upon the many excellent articles provided by Messrs. Garrould, of 150, Edgware Road, for nurses, and those who have no time to travel so far west may, by visiting the RECORD Offices, inspect these at their leisure. Bonnets, caps, hem-stitched collars and cuffs, bonnet strings, and sleeves, are all collected in one case, as well as boots and shoes, and slippers which should prove invaluable to night nurses. These are made of felt, with twine soles, and may be had in black, or blue, lined with scarlet, and are decidedly pretty as well as comfortable and durable. The red cross pincushions supplied by this firm are much appreciated by nurses, and may be seen here. A recent addition to these made in red leather, and about one-third of an inch thick, the thickness being composed of layers of flannel, is, we are informed, a special favourite with midwives. Why with midwives? The solution offered to us that they "take safety pins" is scarcely a satisfactory one, inasmuch as all nurses require safety pins. The fact remains, however; this special pincushion is the pet of the hour, and Messrs. Garrould supply it.

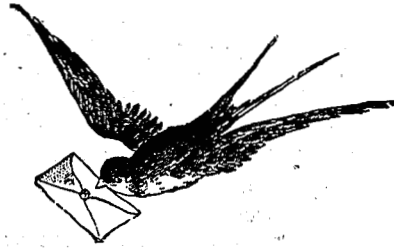
The double chart boards, which are intended specially for the use of private nurses, are excellent, and should be very popular. The washing materials of this firm are sure to find favour with nurses; amongst these are specially noticeable the Garrouldette cloth, and the Milo cloth, as well as various pretty colours in drills. We advise nurses to turn in at Adam Street, and see for themselves what Messrs. Garrould have to show. We think they will afterwards either go on to Edgware Road, or write there, to be supplied with goods of which they have seen such attractive samples.

Our Foreign Letter.

IN AN ITALIAN HOSPITAL.

Pages from an Englishwoman's Diary.

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May 7th.

OUR rules are at last made out, and in the printer's hands. The pupils are still to be found; but we have had a notice put in the papers, to the

following intent.

"A SCHOOL FOR NURSES.—A Committee has been formed of the ladies . . . aided by the Senator Marchese V—, and by the Professors R—, T—, and M—, with the object of founding a school for nurses for private cases.

"With the kind permission of Commendatore S—, Director-General of Hospitals, the instruction will be given in one of the Roman Hospitals, under the supervision of the Sanitary Authorities, and the Sisters, and according to the rules of the Institution.

"The course of instruction will be theoretical and practical, and will last during two years. When the instruction is finished the pupils will undergo examination, and after passing this they will receive a diploma, and be registered as nurses. The Committee will then seek to obtain them engagements.

"To gain admission to this School, it is necessary to be either widows or unmarried, and not under twenty-one or over thirty-five years of age.

"The Committee reserves to itself, in every case, the right of accepting.

"The duties of the pupils will be established in a set of rules, which may be seen at the secretary's office at the S. Giovanni Hospital, where all applications are to be addressed.

"The first course will open the 15th June. Applications will be received till June 10th."

We have decided that since we are to train the nurses solely for private work, we can hope to fit them for receiving their diploma after two years in Hospital. Things must necessarily be so different here to in England, that we cannot hope to exactly imitate; otherwise I should have endeavoured to get the three years' training insisted on. As we can offer our pupils neither board nor lodging, nor salary, and as nursing is still thought a meritorious but rather low employment, we must do all we can to minimise difficulties. And the first and greatest is that of finding anyone *willing* to work at nursing at all without pay, and the second, to find anyone *able*, when willing, to keep herself whilst doing so. Of course, we can dilate on the superior pay earned by a fully trained nurse, to that earned by a little teacher; but they naturally answer the matter is a new one, and no one can be certain if there will be work enough for lay nurses as well as for the various nursing nuns. So anyhow, to begin the school, we must make the course as short as possible.

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