

## Notices.

### OUR GUINEA PRIZE.

Rules for competing for the Pictorial Puzzle Prize will be found on Advertisement page VIII.

*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 the NURSING RECORD Office, 11, Adam Street, Strand, W.C.*

*Copies of the NURSING RECORD are always on sale at 269, Regent Street, price 1d. As this address is close to Oxford Circus, it will be found a Central Depot.*

## Comments and Replies.

*Mrs. Whittaker.*—There is no doubt that while this country was the first to found the profession of nursing, and to establish its work on a scientific basis, and that the first matron of a training school for nurses in the United States was a lady trained in England, yet America is now ahead of us in professional organization. Consequently nurses there have self-governing associations, and through them the power of articulate expression. The lesson is one we should take to heart, because American nurses have attained to their present dignified position by their unity and co-operation concerning their professional affairs. It must be remembered, however, that with them there has been no organized campaign for the purpose of sowing dissension in their ranks, in order to keep nurses divided, and

therefore powerless, as has been the case in this country. Moreover, in that spacious land there is room for women to think and act without incurring the wrath of the other sex, while here every progressive movement is made in the teeth of the most virulent opposition.

*Certificated Nurse.*—We should advise you to apply for particulars of terms and training to the Matrons of the General Lying-in Hospital, York Road, Lambeth, the Lying-in Hospital, City Road, and of Queen Charlotte's Hospital, Marylebone Road. You would find it difficult, if not impossible, to obtain good training in this branch of work without paying for it, for the reason that it is not as a rule included in the curriculum of general training schools, or given as a post-graduate course. We hope the day will come when every graduate nurse will have the opportunity, if she desires it, of obtaining education in this special branch in connection with her training school. At present this is possible in a few instances, such, for example, as that of the Royal Infirmary, Bristol, but it is the exception rather than the rule.

*Private Nurse.*—It is, as a rule, advisable to obtain waterbeds on hire, not only from the point of view of economy, but also because they deteriorate when unused, and may be found useless when next required unless very carefully packed. They can always be obtained from Messrs. W. H. Bailey and Son, 38, Oxford Street, W.

*Private Nurse.*—The Samaritan Ward Shoe can be obtained from Messrs. Gooch, Limited, 67 to 77, Brompton Road, S.W. It has pretty straps which cross, and is a shoe which would be suitable for general as well as for hospital wear, while at the same time it is specially adapted to nurses as it has an inset of india rubber on the inner side of the heel. The cost, for a superior make of shoe is moderate, being only 12s. 9d.

*Miss James, Watford.*—You are eligible for admission to Sir Julian Goldsmit's Home of Rest at Brighton. You should write as long beforehand as possible to the Matron in order to secure your room, as during the summer months the Home is usually full.

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