

Notices.

OUR PRIZE PUZZLE.

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.

American Nurse.—St. Katharine's Hospital, Regent's Park, which, until the Queen's Jubilee Institute was attached, had an unpleasant notoriety as a sinecure, was founded by Queen Matilda, wife of Stephen, in 1148, and refounded by Eleanor, widow of Henry III., it was located by the Tower of London, just outside the City walls, till 1825, when it was removed to its present site to make way for St. Katharine Docks. It has always from the first been under the special patronage of Queens consort, or failing a consort of the King of the Queen-Dowager; and this fact just saved it from dissolution at the Reformation,

Henry VIII. being just then greatly enamoured of a new wife. When situated down by the Thames side the institution fully justified its existence, for it afforded posts which the Queens consort could give to Court dependants in their old age, who in return could minister to the poor around.

Miss Hutchinson, Brighton.—It would certainly be very beneficial to you to obtain training in midwifery and massage before taking up private nursing, as this knowledge would greatly increase the number of cases you are qualified to take.

Scotch Matron.—You will find the Constitution of the International Council of Nurses, as well as much other valuable information relating to nursing organizations and nurse training schools, in the Nursing Directory, issued under the authority of the Matrons' Council, and published at the office of the NURSING RECORD, 11, Adam Street, Strand, price 5s.

Miss Goodman.—The test imposed upon candidates for vacancies as probationers in the future will doubtless be an educational one, as in the case of all other well-organized professions. This is essential because, as in any profession, training should be given in general knowledge before the study of special branches is permitted, so, from the broader outlook, a basis of general education is necessary as a preparation for the right reception of the instruction given to qualify for a special profession. For this reason candidates for the Army, Navy, the professions of medicine and law must all prove that they possess a certain basis of general knowledge. Thus the truth which we have always proclaimed is carried back a step further: "the general training must always precede the special." A standard we must have in the future, but it must be an educational, not a social one. This is the more important, as it is found by practical experience that minds which have already been trained to study, assimilate knowledge, much more easily than those which have not been so trained.

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