

Notices.

OUR PRIZE PUZZLE.

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Comments and Replies.

A Would-be Probationer.—An excellent book on anatomy for nurses is Miss Diana Kimber's Anatomy and Physiology, published by Macmillan and Co., London, price about 10s. If you do not wish to give so much we should suggest your obtaining the Atlas of the Anatomy and Physiology of the Child, which we recently reviewed in this journal. It is published by Messrs. Ballière, Tindall and Cox, 8, Henrietta Street, Strand, price 3s.

A. R. Preston.—We believe there are good openings for nurses, who do not mind roughing it, in Western Australia. We are sure that if you were to write to Miss McGahey,

Matron, Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney, Hon. President for Federated Australia on the International Council of Nurses, that she would be willing to furnish you with reliable information on the subject. There is no Australian nursing paper.

District Midwife.—We do not think it is right to leave such lotions at your patients' houses, even if you warn them of their poisonous nature. We consider permanganate of potash is the most suitable disinfectant for use in district work, both for douching and also for your own hands. It is most important to attend at once to the baby's eyes, bathing them immediately after birth with a weak solution of boracic acid lotion, and also syringing under the lids with the same lotion. If the child is kept out of draughts, and, in spite of these precautions, it develops symptoms of purulent ophthalmia, the disease is probably due to maternal infection during labour. A doctor should at once be consulted, as any delay in treatment may cost the child its sight. The treatment usually prescribed is to syringe the eyes frequently, every hour is not too often in bad cases, and to drop in nitrate of silver occasionally. It is important to remember always to use different pieces of absorbent wool for each eye, when bathing an infant's eyes, and this is specially important in cases where one eye is "sore"—that is to say, when one contains pus and the other is not affected.

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