

OUR PRIZE PUZZLE.

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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.

Comments and Replies.

Nurse Corry, Omagh.—We should advise the book on Fever Nursing, by Miss Mary Harris, published at the NURSING RECORD Office, price 1s. post free. The late Emily Stoney's book on "Bacteriology and Surgical Technique for Nurses," is an admirable handbook of modern aseptic and antiseptic nursing. It is published by W. B. Saunders & Co., 161, Strand, London, W.C. We believe the price is about 6s. In connection with practical dispensing you could not do better than obtain Miss L. L. Dock's "Materia Medica for Nurses," published by G. P. Putnam's Sons, 24, Bedford Street, Strand, London, W.C. On practical nursing you should have the book by Miss Isla Stewart, Matron of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and Dr. Herbert Cuff, Medical Superintendent of the North-Eastern Hospital, Tottenham, entitled "Practical Nursing," published by William Blackwood & Sons, London, price 3s. 6d. A companion volume to this book is, we believe, shortly to be published.

Cottage Hospital, Matron.—The obligation of the nurse

to attend the case in question rests upon her agreement with the Committee in undertaking her work. If the question of attending women with illegitimate children was discussed and she was "not engaged to go to unmarried women," we think she is within her right in refusing to attend the case. If there was no special arrangement, the Committee probably have it in their power to decide as to what cases the nurse shall attend. The question as to the advisability of undertaking the sole care of women with illegitimate children is a debatable one, as they can always have the attendance of the parish medical officer. In any case, in our view, full fees should always be charged. Otherwise, if they are attended for a small sum, by a nurse or midwife, whose salary is paid in part by the subscriptions of the charitable, it amounts to condoning immorality.

Miss Greenlaw, Newport.—There is an excellent Institution for the Blind, where children are received, and taught, at Edgbaston, Birmingham. At the Bristol Asylum for the Blind, Queen's Road, Clifton, Bristol, the Matron is Miss M. Greenhough Smith, an experienced nurse. There is also a Blind Children's Home at 54, Devonshire Road, Liverpool, and the Preparatory Branch School of the School for the Indigent Blind at St. George's Circus, S.E., is at Linden Lodge, Wandsworth Common, S.W. We should advise you to write to the Secretaries of these institutions asking for the conditions of admission.

Mrs. Bellingham.—The unwise attitude assumed by some private nurses in the houses of their patients, and the unjustifiable demands they make, bring the whole nursing profession into disfavour with the public. The public must realise that nurses are members of a skilled and onerous profession, and as such should receive respect and consideration, but nurses, on the other hand, must learn that their relation to their patients is professional, not social. The more the professional side is emphasised the better for all concerned.

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