

## OUR PRIZE PUZZLE.

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## Comments and Replies.

*Nurse-Midwife*—We have always been of the opinion that legislation for midwives as such is undesirable, and that the care of the lying-in woman should be placed in the hands of the medical practitioner and the trained nurse; but we do not think that nurses can at this stage do more than try to influence legislation in connection with the present Bill. It is greatly due to their own apathy that the midwife flourishes in our midst, and, according to her lights, in many instances does good work. Trained nurses are too apt to say that they see no reason to obtain experience in midwifery, or even in maternity nursing, and that this work is a "special branch." If this is so, then we cannot blame those who desire recognition as specialists in this direction. Yet, surely, a trained nurse who is ignorant of the attention which should be given to a mother when her child is born, and who does not know how to wash and dress a newly born infant is an anomaly.

*Matron of Training Schools*.—There are now four nurses' Leagues in existence in this country, and the formation of

others is under consideration. They are the League of St. Bartholomew's Nurses, the League of St. John's House Nurses, the League of Guy's Hospital Nurses, and the League of the Royal South Hants Nurses. In every instance the formation of these Leagues has been most popular.

*Miss Bielby, London*.—We hope shortly to be able to make an announcement on the subject of your inquiry.

*Private Nurse*.—Junket is very easily prepared, and is a cool and refreshing, as well as digestible, dish for convalescents. It is often called Devonshire junket, presumably because it is such a usual dish in that county, where it reaches perfection. It may be made by stirring into a pint of milk a tablespoonful of castor sugar and a teaspoonful of rennet. It should then be heated to about 98° Fahr., after which it is poured into a glass dish, and may be flavoured by adding a teaspoonful of vanilla or rose water, or a tablespoonful of brandy, or by nutmeg grated over the surface. When served with the clotted cream made in Devonshire it is food fit for the gods.

*Superintendent Nurse*.—We should advise you to write to the Secretary of the Departmental Committee, Local Government Board Offices, Whitehall, and offer your evidence. The welfare of the sick poor is concerned, and we are of opinion that it is the bounden duty of all who can furnish evidence which will help to improve the condition of nursing in workhouse infirmaries to do so.

*A Registered Nurse*.—The British Nurses' Association was founded for the purpose of obtaining legal status for nurses; but it lost the confidence of those who hoped to gain this reform through its means, once and for all, after the Conference convened by the British Medical Association in 1896, when Miss Wedgwood, as the delegate of the Association, and Mr. Fardon, the hon. secretary, voted for a resolution: "That a legal system of registration of nurses is inexpedient in principle, and injurious to the best interests of nurses and of doubtful public benefit."

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