

Notices.

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 S., Rochester.—The best attitude for a private nurse to assume is the professional one. It prevents her on the one hand from making the mistake of insisting on entering into the social life of the family where she is nursing (we heard the other day of a nurse who reproached her patient for remissness in not introducing her to all the visitors to the house), and on the other of belittling her profession, and not taking the stand she should where her work is concerned. Thus a nurse who insisted upon a medicine being taken as ordered, was told that her predecessor "did not believe in drugs, and always threw the medicine away." The obvious reply was "You engaged me to carry out the doctor's directions, and if I am disloyal

and deceitful in my duty to him, what guarantee have you that I shall not be the same in my relations to yourself?" The best nurse is the one who demands least for herself personally, but who insists upon due regard for her professional work and standing. The adoption of this line of action will tide a nurse over many difficulties.

Superintendent, Italy.—The organisation of Nurses into Leagues connected with their own training schools is the first step, in our opinion, in any country towards the adequate organisation of the nursing profession as a whole. Such Leagues will, no doubt, ultimately be gathered into a National League, and, in affiliation with the Superintendents' Society, form the National Council which would thus gather up representation of nursing interests throughout the country, and by entering into relations with the International Council of Nurses would keep in touch with nursing interests throughout the world.

Monthly Nurse.—An infant's flannel binder should consist of a strip of flannel about five inches wide, torn the long way of the flannel, and not hemmed or herring-boned, as the part turned in is apt to make an uncomfortable ridge. It should be long enough to pass twice round the child's body, and should be stitched up at the side. There is a great art in putting on a binder properly, and it usually requires considerable practice under supervision before this is attained. The best material for the mother's binder is ordinary roller towelling, which is firm, can be accurately adjusted to the figure, and frequently washed. It is not easy to apply a binder so that it shall keep in position, but every monthly nurse, every nurse indeed, should be conversant with the art.

Certificated Nurse.—In years gone by most nurses obtained experience in the care of cases of diphtheria and tracheotomy in the course of their general training. Now this is uncommon, and special experience in infectious hospitals is becoming increasingly desirable.

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