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Motices.

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.

Comments and Replies.

Miss E. M. Payne, Glasgow.—There is at present no legal Register of Trained Nurses in this country. A Society for the purpose of obtaining a Bill by Act of Parliament providing for the State Registration of Trained Nurses has recently been formed. Forms of application for membership may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, 20, Upper Wimpole Street, W. We should advise you to apply to have your name inserted in the Nursing Directory, issued by the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland. Nurses are eligible for admission who hold a certificate of three years' training in a General Hospital or Infirmary to which a training school is attached, and who are recommended by the Matrons of the Hospitals where they are working. Application forms may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, Matrons' Council, 7, Marlborough House, High Street, Marylebone, W. Mrs. B. Lett, Bromley. — We should advise you to obtain the Nursing Directory, issued under the authority of the Matrons' Council, and obtainable from the offices of this Journal, 11, Adam Street, Strand, W.C., price 5s. This will give you full information as to the regulations of the leading training schools, and also all particulars now published in regard to Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service. As you probably know, the Army and Indian Army Nursing Services have recently been amalgamated under this title, Her Majesty the Queen being the President of the new Service. The regulations which will govern it have not as yet been formulated. When your nice has decided which hospital she would like to enter she should write to the Matron, asking when there is likely to be a vacancy, and if she will appoint a day and hour for a personal interview. In most of the best training schools she will probably have to wait some months or even longer for a vacancy.

Mrs. Palmer.—If the mother's health permits it is always better for her to nurse her child. Sometimes this is impossible or inexpedient, but she should only relinquish this duty on medical advice, and should never be induced to do so because of the claims which Society makes upon her or for other insufficient reasons.

Certificated Nurse.—There is no doubt that nurses, as a profession, are unpopular with the public at the present time, and in time of sickness are too often regarded as a necessary evil. It is quite certain, however, that in many instances their services are very highly valued, and are asked for again. The dislike of nurses is, we believe, due to the fact that there is no standard of nursing education at the present time, and no legal register which the public can consult, and from which they can ascertain what training a nurse has received, consequently many untrained or partially trained women represent themselves as trained, undertake the nursing of private cases, and bring discredit upon a profession to which they do not belong.



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