

Notices.

OUR GUINEA PRIZE.

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.

We regret that owing to pressure upon our space we are compelled to hold over some interesting correspondence until next week.

Miss J. P. J.—We are not acquainted with the method you mention, and should suppose that ordinary hot water bottles would answer the same purpose and be less risky to use than those you suggest, but in any case the treatment should of course be prescribed by a medical practitioner.

Mrs. Robinson.—The NURSING RECORD has from its first issue consistently supported the principle of Registration of Trained Nurses by Act of Parliament, and there can be no doubt that sooner or later this reform will be obtained. At present trained nurses are subjected to serious injury by the lack of this necessary legislation—(1) because they are

compelled to compete in the open market with ignorant or half-trained women, with dismissed probationers, with all those who for various reasons don a nursing uniform and undertake work which they do not know how to perform; (2) because their professional good name is dragged in the mud by women who do not belong to their ranks, but from whose misdeeds they have no means of dissociating themselves. The medical profession at once repudiates responsibility for the misdemeanours of persons not on the Medical Register, and nurses should have the same protection. A Register of Nurses would also afford to the public the guarantee that everyone whose name was placed upon it had received a minimum amount of training, and had not been convicted of crime. At present they have no such protection with regard to the nurses they admit to their houses, often on terms of closest intimacy.

Superintendent Nurse.—(1) A pelvis and foetal skull, suitable for using in preparing candidates for the L. O. S. Examination, can be obtained on loan for three months from the Manager, NURSING RECORD Office, 11, Adam Street, Strand, on payment of 5s., and postage to destination. (2) It is very desirable to obtain the certificate of the London Obstetrical Society as it ranks higher than that of any individual training school.

Country Matron.—Any nurses are at liberty to attend the Congress on Nursing at Buffalo, U.S.A., in the third week of September. It is estimated that the cost of the journey to Buffalo, and expenses while in the States, will be from £50 to £60. The delegates who attend the Congress will be duly deputed by Nursing Societies to represent them upon this occasion, and their expenses will be defrayed by the Societies which send them. This is a striking proof of the value of co-operation, as these delegates will not only have a duly accredited professional position at the Congress, but they will have the pleasure of a visit to America which in many instances might not have been otherwise possible to them.

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