

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.

Copies of the NURSING RECORD are always on sale at 269, Regent Street, price 1d. As this address is close to Oxford Circus, it will be found a Central Depot.

Comments and Replies.

Nearly Thirty-four.—If you are desirous of entering a hospital as a probationer you should certainly take steps to do so at once, more especially as in most good nurse-training schools you will have to wait for some time for your turn for a vacancy after your application has been accepted. We should advise you to obtain the Nursing Directory, price 5s., from the office of the NURSING RECORD, 11, Adam Street, Strand. You will find the regulations of the principal London and provincial training schools published in it, and, after studying them, you can then write to the matron of the institution which attracts you most, and ask her if she has a vacancy and if she will appoint a time for an interview, which is in most cases a necessary

preliminary to selection. You would find it very difficult to get into any hospital after you are thirty-five, and indeed we think it is over late to begin to train as a nurse.

C. S. M.—The field of nursing literature is limited and it is quite necessary for the editors of a Nursing Paper, to be experienced trained nurses, otherwise it is impossible that its professional aspect can be maintained. This of course, is recognised by medical men. Imagine a medical paper conducted by a financier or a society woman—the thing is too absurd. Nurses have been exploited by business men quite long enough, one cannot but regret that they are so unbusiness like, they are sure to fall victims to the professional philanthropist, than whom no keener man of business exists. Figure to yourself men permitting their scanty earnings to be appropriated for District Nursing, supporting the general funds of charitable institutions, paying very high premiums for insurance under the misleading name of a Pension Fund, and permitting vulgar patronage (which undermines professional self respect) being utilised as a claim for titular honours and the like upon the part of men. One wonders sometimes how working women can be so foolish, "the cat's paw" is a rôle we never took to kindly.

Sister E., Liverpool.—We do not recollect having heard of the book you mention. You could not do better than obtain "Practical Nursing," by Miss Isla Stewart, published by W. Blackwood and Sons, London and Edinburgh. We will let you know through this journal as soon as "The Nursing of Chest Diseases" is on sale.

Mrs. G. Cook.—We commented last week on the matter. Society women in the flush of their supreme vanity, unlike the angels, have no fear as to their footsteps. Their clamour for power in relation to Army Nursing at the Front has proved their temerity. No doubt they feel quite capable of reorganising the Women and Children's Hospital on the same lines. We consider the Committee to blame in the present instance.

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