

## Notices.

### OUR GUINEA PRIZE.

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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.*

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## Comments and Replies.

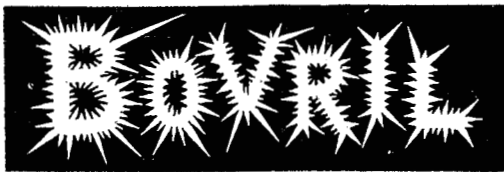
*Ward Sister.*—We do not advise your opening a private nursing home unless you have a considerable amount of capital, and are sure of influential support. London abounds in nursing homes of all descriptions, good, bad, and indifferent, the proprietors of which are all struggling to make a living, some in a justifiable and some in an unjustifiable way out of their patients. Many persons who have no qualifications, for the responsible position of superintendent of such homes run them for profit. There seems to be an idea current that such a position is more "genteel" than that of lodging-house keeper, consequently the widows of professional men are often advised by medical men, who should know better, to invest their capital in such undertakings, and those who give this ill-

timed advice feel it incumbent upon them to support these unprofessional institutions. It has always been a mystery to us why widows of medical men should be supposed to be competent as trained nurses.

*Sister G., Bristol.*—The Matrons' Council is making enquiries, and hopes to be able to get a considerable decrease in the expense to Buffalo by co-operation. The various steam ship companies are very good in helping mission workers' and educational deputations. Surely nurses might claim in attending this educational congress that they come under such a category. Dress upon such an occasion need only be neat and simple. Very few American women wear low "waists," a transparent black or white lace bodice would be sufficiently dressy for most occasions, if worn with a silk skirt; the plain silk gown with white cuffs and collar, worn at evening entertainments by so many Matrons at home, would be even better, with or without a uniform cap.

*Tropical Nurse, Liverpool.*—The word mosquito has no scientific import. Derived from the Spanish or Portuguese, it simply means little "fly"; it is used popularly to denote a gnat which bites, and most gnats bite when they have a chance. The word is sometimes extended to include certain midges. The dipterous family, Culicidæ, to which the gnat belongs, contains, according to Major Giles, some two hundred and forty-two species divided among eight genera. The great majority of species (some one hundred and sixty), however, belong to the genus culex; anophelous includes thirty, while the remainder are divided among the other six genera, none of which are large. The collections which have recently been made at the British Museum are said to contain ten species of anopheles new to science, so that, if all Major Giles' species are accepted, we have a total of some forty species of the genus which has been hopelessly convicted of being the medium by which the malaria parasite is transmitted from person to person.

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