

Notices.

OUR PRIZE PUZZLE.

May we remind our readers that this month's coupons for the prize puzzle competition end this week. The Editor received quite a number of replies last month after the appointed date, and too late for a chance of the Guinea Prize. Letters containing replies must reach her by the first post on Tuesday, May 28th prox.

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.

Traveller.—In a simple case of malaria the temperature is raised as a rule for about three days, after which it subsides. It may for a day or two remain at about 99 degrees Fahr. in the evening, and it should be an invariable rule that no patient should be allowed up until his temperature has been normal for at least twenty-four hours. A very usual routine treatment of malaria is to give ten-grain doses of salicylate of soda every four hours, while the temperature is up, and when it has come down quinine, at first in ten-grain doses morning and evening, and afterwards reduced. This acts both as a tonic and as an antidote to the malarial germ. It must always be remembered that quinine in large quantities has a prejudicial effect upon the nervous system, and the habit of some persons in the tropics of indiscriminately dosing themselves with this drug cannot be too much condemned. It is not always possible to obtain medical advice in outlying districts in tropical countries, but at

least drugs should always be carefully measured or weighed, and only accurate doses taken.

Obstetric Nurse.—It is in our opinion quite impossible, even if it were desirable, for midwives, or obstetric nurses, to be recognized as independent practitioners. The elementary knowledge which they have to possess in order to pass the examination of the London Obstetrical Society, only qualifies them to attend *normal* cases of labour. But what is to happen if a midwife meets, as she may do in the course of her work at any moment, with an abnormal case? If a medical practitioner is not speedily summoned the patient may lose her life. A midwife should therefore never attend a lying-in case without knowing for whom she is going to send if medical assistance is needed. Granted that in ninety-seven cases out of a hundred such assistance is not required in the other three it may be urgently necessary, and in obstetric emergencies a delay of minutes may mean death to the patient.

Certificated Nurse.—Your best plan would be to watch our advertisement columns, and to apply to the Matrons of hospitals under the Metropolitan Asylums Board in which vacancies are advertised. No nurses are now appointed in charge of wards in hospitals under this Board who have not had training in general nursing, and the standard of nursing in the hospitals under its control has been greatly raised since this regulation has been enforced.

Irish Matron.—Berths have already been secured by the appointed delegates to Buffalo—some go by the Atlantic Transport boats to New York, others by the Allan Line to Canada, leaving England on August 29th. Boats are much crowded at the end of August and beginning of September, you should book your passage at once.

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