

officials may ignore our rights and privileges. I write to you because I do not care to waste a stamp in direct communication with Mr. Fardon, or to go to our own office, as the tone of patronage of our secretary rubs me up the wrong way.

Yours,
M.R.B.N.A.

[We should advise our correspondent to write to Miss Maud Banfield, Hon. Secretary of the International Nurses' Congress, Superintendent of Nurses, Poly-clinic Hospital, Philadelphia. She is sure of a courteous reply, and will no doubt learn if the invitation sent to the members of the R.B.N.A. has been refused without consulting them, or left unanswered. Any way, our correspondent may rest assured that the *principles* on which we founded the R.B.N.A. in 1887, which are "to obtain legal status for trained nurses, and to co-operate them together for mutual help and protection," will be ably advocated by several of the British Delegates appointed to represent self-governing nurses' associations at the Congress from this country.—ED.]

OUR GUINEA PRIZE.

To the Editor of the "Nursing Record,"
Chalmer's Hospital,
Banff, N.B.

Miss Anna Soutar has much pleasure in acknowledging with thanks the receipt of One Guinea from the Editor of the NURSING RECORD for the July Puzzle Prize.

August 5th, 1901.

Notices.

OUR PRIZE PUZZLE.

Rules for competing for the Pictorial Puzzle Prize will be found on Advertisement page VIII.

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Comments and Replies.

Miss Kathleen E. Macinerney, Ireland.—Our correspondence has now reached such proportions that we are unable to answer letters unless a stamped envelope is enclosed. We should suggest your communicating with Miss Rowden, the Secretary of the Dublin Nurses' Club, 3, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, who, we are sure, would be willing to give you information as to the various Irish Training Schools. There are quite as many applications for vacancies as probationers in England as in Ireland, and we think you would be wise to stay in your own country.

Miss Kitching, Wallingford.—We are much obliged for your communication, and greatly regret that it arrived too late to refer to at length in these columns. We are always glad to receive information on subjects of nursing interest, but, to be of use, it should reach us at the earliest possible date.

Matron Consumption Hospital, N.E.—Briefly Dr. Robert Maguire's method, to which you allude, consists in the daily injection into the veins of the phthisical patient of a solution containing one in 2,000, or, as it may be, one in 1,000, or even one in 500, of formic aldehyde, made up with a salt solution as nearly as possible resembling salt solution of the blood, and that, too, perfectly sterilised. These injections, it is said, have positively resulted in the relief of many people, even in an advanced stage of consumption. The treatment was first made public, after some years of experiment, in the *Lancet* of 15th December last.

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