

Notices.

OUR PRIZE PUZZLE.

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To the Editor of the "Nursing Record."

Comments and Replies.

Mrs. Vere, Lichfield.—It is of course quite true that character is an important and essential factor in the making of a nurse. But no one will deny that it is equally important in a medical practitioner. Yet we do not find the value of the Medical Register decried because it can only register medical qualifications. On the contrary, both the professional standard and the tone of the medical profession have been greatly raised since registration has been enforced, and the same results would inevitably ensue by the legal registration of trained nurses. It would be absurd to suppose

that every nurse on the Register would be acceptable to every patient who needed the services of one. There would be the same need of, and opportunity for selection, as at present. But compulsory registration would secure to the public the possibility of making that selection amongst women who have been taught, and know their work, and if an unregistered person were employed it would be with the full knowledge of the employer that she was not a trained nurse. At present many women, ignorant of the duties they undertake, pose as trained nurses and obtain employment as such.

Superintendent, Nursing Home, London.—The notifiable diseases are smallpox, cholera, diphtheria, membranous croup, erysipelas, scarlet fever, typhus, typhoid, enteric, and puerperal fevers. It is the duty of the medical attendant to acquaint the medical officer of health for the district in which the patient resides when any such case occurs in his practice, but the householder also should notify the occurrence of these diseases.

Staff Nurse.—In the administration of aperients the following facts should be borne in mind. The intestinal movements are worm-like. One part of the canal contracts after another, so as to force the contents onwards. Aperients act in two ways. (1) They stimulate this vermicular motion. (2) They cause a large flow of fluid to take place from the blood into the alimentary tract. It is therefore rational to give aperients tasting because the emptier the canal, the more the drug given comes in contact with, and therefore acts upon the intestinal walls, with the result that satisfactory evacuation takes place.

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