

Notices.

OUR PRIZE PUZZLE.

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.

Certificated Nurse.—It is becoming increasingly rare to admit cases of enteric fever or diphtheria to general hospitals, and therefore some experience in infectious hospitals is every year more and more necessary for nurses. We quite agree with you that a nurse cannot consider herself fully trained unless she can nurse a case of tracheotomy after diphtheria. At the same time, even in infectious hospitals, these cases are much more rare than formerly, as the introduction of anti-toxin has rendered the performance of tracheotomy much less often necessary. It is most important that a ward used for tracheotomy cases should be kept up to the required temperature, even when not in use. All instruments, ligatures and sutures, sponges, lotions,

sand bags, steam kettle, and tent bed or cot must be ready for use without delay. All linen for this isolation ward should be thoroughly aired on its return from the laundry, and should then be stored in a hot cupboard.

Sister Alice, London.—Mr. Percy Lindley has just brought out an illustrated pamphlet called "Rhineland," in which you will find all the information you require. He makes one long to spend a holiday along its winding path; a holiday in Rhineland we are told opens up a prospect of mountains and villages, woods and rivers, and old German towns and cities, with their antiquities and art treasures as handy and bright headquarters. Further information with regard to tours and tickets can be obtained from the Traffic Manager, G.E.R., Liverpool Street Station, E.C.

American Nurse.—We believe there is a small contingent of American nurses working in Paris. The fees are good, but the season short, and nurses have to accommodate themselves to circumstances. Things from a nursing standpoint are much more behind-hand than in the States or England.

District Nurse.—Such cases require much patience on the part of the nurse. In order to ensure success in cases of chronic ulceration of the legs, it is absolutely necessary (1) to previously bring the ulcer into an aseptic condition, (2) to remove the edge of the ulcer before applying the grafts; (3) to treat varicose veins or other cause of the ulceration; and (4) to insist upon the patient resting the leg for a considerable period afterwards until the adhesion of the grafts has become firm.

Mrs. C. G., London.—The Matrons' Council has this year deferred its annual conference, considering that it will be more useful to hold a meeting in the autumn, to receive reports of the discussions and results of the International Nurses' Congress at Buffalo. Your suggestion to invite the public really interested in the professional progress of nursing as guests is good. We think it would prove very valuable, both to medical men and the public. Thanks for promise of letter of introduction.

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