

## 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.*

## Comments and Replies.

*Private Nurse.*—You would find what you require no doubt at Messrs. George Farmer and Co.'s, 12, Brompton Road, near Sloane Street. This firm has an excellent stock of invalid appliances, and it is a great convenience to country customers that any purchases of over 21s. in value are delivered carriage free.

*Three years' certificate.*—We should advise you to watch these columns for advertisements for nurses in hospitals under the Metropolitan Asylums' Board where smallpox cases are received. Those who have nursed the disease speak of the great interest of the cases owing to the relief that can be afforded by really good nursing. The severity of the disease, and its acute nature, tax the resources of

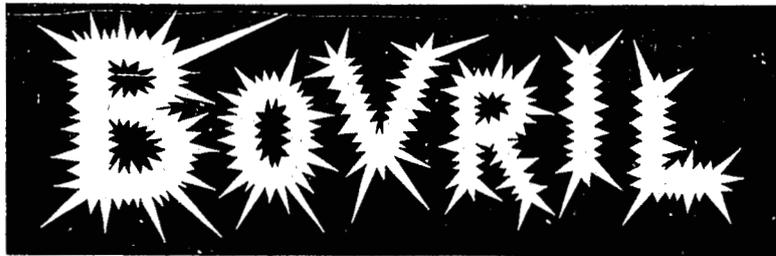
the most skilful nurse, and there is real joy in having a share in pulling through a desperate case.

*A Puzzled Subscriber.*—It is very often assumed by the committees of small country hospitals that matters as to the personal discipline of the nursing staff, as well as medical questions, should be referred to the medical staff, thus the position of the Matron is unsatisfactory and anomalous. The Matron in such a case should explain to the Committee that for the general well-being it is essential that she should have her proper official position, and be recognized as the head of the nursing and domestic staff. If proper discipline is to be maintained the medical staff should report any dereliction of duty on the part of a nurse to their official head, the Matron, and leave her to deal with it, or if necessary report it to the Committee. Sometimes a Matron allows her position to slip out of her hands for want of a little plain speaking, never a pleasant task. Nevertheless, if she shirks her duty in this respect she is untrue to her profession, for her want of courage affects not only her own position, but that of others, injuriously. There are few Committees which are not willing and indeed desirous to do the right thing.

*Charge Nurse.*—The amount given in a nutrient enema should not as a rule exceed 4 oz. It may contain a beaten-up egg, milk, strong beeftea, and brandy. It is usually peptonized. It should be given at the temperature of the body. When a patient is fed entirely *per rectum* the nourishment is generally given every four hours. A Slinger's suppository—in which nourishment is conveyed in a solid form—is often given alternately with the enema. It is important when a patient is fed in this way that the rectum should be washed out once in the twenty-four hours in order to prevent irritation by accumulation and decomposition of unabsorbed residuum.

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