

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.

Superintendent of Training School.—Mrs. Hampton Robb has well pointed out in her book on "Nursing Ethics" that we cannot stand still and that in the future the public, both medical men and the laity, will be ever demanding a still more efficient nursing, more uniformity, and a higher order of woman to meet these requirements. She goes on to say, "Not so long ago neither medicine nor nursing were scientific in character. But the evolution of the one created a necessity for the other. Modern medicine requires a thorough scientific training and modern methods of treatment require that the work of the physician be supplemented by the constant and intelligent service supplied by the trained nurse, who has now her allotted part to perform in helping to carry cases of grave sickness to a successful termination." This puts the matter in a nutshell. We are bound to endeavour to provide for our pupils the education which will enable them to attain this standard.

Nurse Byers.—In preparing a fracture bed a most im-

portant point to remember is that the bedstead itself must be firm, and to ensure this fracture boards are usually employed. These may either be specially made on a frame of the right size to fit the bedstead, or loose boards, resting on the iron frame work, may be employed. In the latter case it is necessary to remember that the boards must be perforated to allow ventilation. In many cases of fracture it is desirable to slightly raise the foot of the bed, and medical directions on this point should be asked for. The bed is made up in the ordinary way with mackintosh and drawsheet.

Sister, London.—The only book on Materia Medica with which we are acquainted which is specially compiled for nurses is Miss Dock's excellent "Materia Medica for Nurses," published in this country by Messrs. G. P. Putnam's Sons, 24, Bedford Street, Strand, price 6s. It is a book every trained nurse should possess.

Three Years' Certificate.—We should certainly advise you to apply to have your name inserted in the "Nursing Directory," issued under the authority of the Matrons' Council. It is the only Directory maintaining a definite standard of nursing education as necessary to admission, and which is brought out under professional control.

State Registration.—The Society is now in process of formation. You will find all information with regard to it in these columns from time to time.

Certificated Midwife.—Opinions vary as to the time when the cord should be ligatured and cut. Some hold that this should be done as soon as the child is born and has cried well, and others that it is better to wait until the cord has ceased to pulsate. As it is known that if the cord is tied at once the child is deprived of over two ounces of blood which it is reasonable to suppose nature intended for its benefit, it is in our opinion well to wait, except under exceptional circumstances, until pulsation has ceased. It should always be tied again after the child has been bathed, as the cord is apt to shrink in the bath, and the ligature consequently becomes slack.

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