

Prize Questions.

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QUESTIONS FOR MARCH.

- I.—What training would constitute an efficient mental nurse?
 II.—Describe the best method of sterilising surgical dressings.

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Comments and Replies.

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Miss Surtees, London.—See our notices of coming events. There is to be a meeting at London House in support of the Midwives' Registration Bill on Thursday, 18th inst. We are quite of opinion that some measures are necessary to protect lying-in women from those persons who style themselves midwives without possessing any of the necessary qualifications, but we do not think that the proposed Midwives' Bill is an advisable measure. We fear that by it far more responsibility will be entrusted to imperfectly trained persons, who need not have had more than three months' nursing experience, than

is at all expedient. In our opinion a general training should always precede a special one, but if women are to undertake the grave responsibilities of nursing maternity cases after a few months' training, they should certainly do so as *monthly nurses*, under the direct supervision of a medical man. All persons should, we hold, be trained in general nursing before they are allowed to undertake midwifery work.

Country Cousin, Worcester.—We quite agree with you that a three years' training and the compulsory registration of nurses at the end of this period would be the solution of many of the difficulties with which trained nurses have to contend, and also of the difficulties which the public experience in procuring really reliable nurses. We are very glad to hear that this is your opinion. You can do much to help on legal registration of nurses by stating your views and educating public opinion. We shall be glad to hear from you again.

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