

## Prize Questions.

A PRIZE of One Guinea will be awarded each quarter to the nurse who has the highest number of marks for answers to the RECORD questions during the preceding three months.

Answers to each question must not exceed 250 words, and must reach the Editor, at 20, Upper Wimpole Street, not later than the 20th of each month.

### QUESTIONS FOR JUNE.

- I.—What would be the advantages of State Registration to Nurses?
- II.—What is the usual diet for a patient for the first week after abdominal section?

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## Comments and Replies.

### REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

*Anxious.*—We have heard that the assertion you mention has been made by reliable authorities, but we cannot personally vouch for its truth. Your question is one which scarcely comes within the scope of this journal.

*M.R.B.N.A., Birmingham.*—We should advise you to write to the Executive Committee of the Royal British Nurses' Association. We can give you no information on the subject.

*Probationer, Liverpool.*—You seem to have overlooked an article, upon the subject of your enquiry, in the NURSING

RECORD of April 10th. If you obtain this number it will give you the information you desire.

*Enquirer, Belper.*—Obtain "Hoblyn's Dictionary of Medical Terms;" and "Nursing: Its Principles and Practice," by Isabel Adams Hampton. You will find both books most useful to you.

*Doubtful, London.*—We cannot advise you to accept an engagement as a district nurse, even though it may be offered to you, until you have completed three years' training. In the first place, are you not bound to the hospital where you are training by a three years' agreement? If so, it would be very dishonourable to break this. In the second place, you would find yourself very much handicapped in your subsequent nursing career if you do not possess a three years' certificate; and thirdly, we do not think that any nurse can be considered fully trained who has not had at least three years' hospital experience; and in our opinion it is not justifiable to undertake district work amongst the sick poor when only partially trained. A district nurse is very often thrown a great deal upon her own resources, and her training should therefore be an especially thorough one.

*Private Nurse, Liverpool.*—There are various co-operations of nurses now existing, in which private nurses receive their full fees less a small percentage for office expenses. This is an equitable arrangement, and we believe that it will increasingly prevail. There is no reason why a private nurse should earn two guineas a week, and receive a salary of about £30 per annum. The balance must benefit someone—why not the person who earns it?

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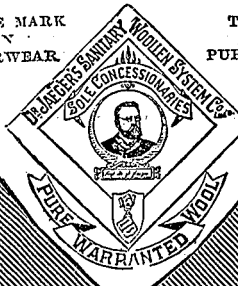
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