

### 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 FEBRUARY.

- (1) How can the Nurse *à la Mode* be abolished?
- (2) Describe the most palatable method of administering a dose of castor oil.

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### Comments and Replies.

#### REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

*E. M. W., London.*—We do not know of any book which will exactly meet your requirements. "Nursing, Its Principles and Practice," price 7s. 6d., by Miss Isabel Hampton (now Mrs. Hunter Robb), is one of the best. If you can afford it we should advise you to get "Quain's Dictionary of Medicine," price 40s., and this would give you all the information you would probably require as to the diseases of women. It is an excellent book, but we fear we are giving you somewhat heterodox advice. A probationer at St. Bartholomew's once asked for "Quain's Dictionary" for the Clothworkers' Prize which she had won. It was not considered advisable that she should have it, and she was given Tennyson's poems instead, which did not answer quite the same purpose! "Fenwick's Students' Guide," price 7s.,

is an excellent manual, and you will find "Hoblyn's Dictionary of Medical Terms," price 8s., most useful if you want a dictionary. "Galabin's Diseases of Women," price 8s. 6d., is a useful book, and "Whitla's Dictionary of Treatment," price 12s., puts in a clear and concise form some very valuable information. This book is not written for nurses, but it contains much that is of use to them. "Anatomy and Physiology for Nurses," by Miss Kimber, price about 10s., and "Cuff's Lectures on Medicine to Nurses," price 3s. 6d., are also excellent.

*Private Nurse, London.*—We are not surprised to hear of your trouble. The confidence of the public in trained nurses is sure to be shaken for a time; after the attacks made upon them in the press, but we hope the result will be to awaken in nurses a sense of professional responsibility, and to teach them that it is inevitable that each member of a profession must suffer in public estimation so long as they only care for their *personal* well-being. We are having evidence of this truth every day. There are wrongs of *omission* as well as of *commission*, and nurses are suffering for the sin of indifference to their public duty.

*Miss A. Lewis, Chatham.*—We will deal with the matter next week. Thanks for cutting.

*Miss Joyce, Kew.*—We have expressed our views in the Echoes. We strongly disapprove of nurses' balls in institutions. Dancing is a delightful recreation, but is out of place where there are human beings suffering and dying.

*Sister Alice, Torquay.*—A Parliamentary Bill must be our goal—the *trained* nurse on one side, the amateur on the other. This is only just.

*L. S. A., London.*—The labourer is worthy of his hire. An underpaid profession means a future increase of rates. Nurses must be able to save for old age or die paupers. We have read the articles to which you allude, and shall say a few words, as you desire, in our next issue. Anonymous "M.D.'s" very often found their advice to nurses on a false economic basis.

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