

### 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.

(For Conditions see our Advertisement re Prizes.)

We would remind our readers that answers to these two questions should reach the Editor by Saturday, the 20th inst., as the Prize Answers should appear on the 27th inst.—ED.

### Comments and Replies.

#### REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

*Miss S. Adams, Hampstead.*—We think you will agree with our views concerning the Association of Asylum Workers. We are most warmly in favour of the co-operation of women, but we strongly deprecate any body of workers assuming a knowledge and status which they do not possess. The only method of raising the standard of asylum

workers is to raise the standard of their environment and education, and the only method by which the insane can obtain the most efficient nursing is to organise the curriculum of education for asylum attendants upon a broad, general, and scientific, basis. Such a curriculum is impossible in an institution which admits insane patients *only*. The general basis of practical nursing knowledge must be obtained in the wards of a general hospital, just as the *special* education in nursing the insane can only be obtained in an asylum or hospital for the insane. No argument can alter fundamental facts. A Register of Trained Asylum Attendants should be compiled and issued by the Association of Asylum Attendants, on the same lines as medical men, dentists, and trained nurses, have compiled the registers of the members of their distinctive professions. Of course all asylum attendants who are also qualified as trained nurses would be eligible for their place on the Trained Nurses' Register; otherwise to place them there would be an act of the grossest injustice to thoroughly qualified nurses.

*Miss A. A. Gwyn, York.*—Notice too late for this week; shall appear in our next issue. Many thanks.

*C. S., London.*—Letter received, but name must be sent as guarantee of authenticity; not necessarily for publication. Letter will then appear next week.

*Miss Rose Conway, Brighton.*—Many thanks; donation will be acknowledged next week.

*Miss S. Summers, Liverpool.*—Thanks for cutting; it is the best review we have seen.

*Miss C. Douglas, Wakefield.*—Apply to the General Infirmary, Leeds; County Hospital, York; or General Infirmary, Sheffield.

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