

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.

W. R. E.—Your letter received. We quite agree with you that great changes are likely to take place in the nursing world in the near future. With your anxiety as to the future of nurses who have not completed their three years' training we are in sympathy; but no vested professional interests are ever injured by an Act of Parliament. No doubt, should the State legalise the Registration of Nurses, means would be taken, for a period of grace, to protect those

who are already *bonâ fide* nurses. We are actuated, as we have always been, by a sincere desire to advance the efficient nursing of the sick. This can only be accomplished by a high standard of education for those who nurse them in combination with a high standard of moral character. We own we are in decided opposition to the present policy of those members of the Royal British Nurses' Association who are doing much to depreciate the status of the trained nurse by obstructing all attempts at educational progress and professional organisation, and by suggesting the admission of persons who are *not trained nurses* on to our Register. We consider it our duty to oppose this policy, and we shall continue to do so.

Miss S. Saunders, Portsmouth.—Procure "Hoblyn's Dictionary of Medical Terms," price 10s. 6d., from Whittaker & Co., Paternoster Square, E.C., and "Cuff's Lectures on Medicine to Nurses," price 3s. 6d. We should advise you to send a pattern to Messrs. Debenham & Freebody, of Wigmore Street, London, W. No doubt they will be able to copy the shape to your satisfaction. A department is arranged to meet the needs of nurses.

Miss M. G. Brewster, Bath.—We should advise you to apply to Mr. W. Arundel Creedon, 51, Great Marylebone Street, London, W. The movements can be taught in three lessons, of an hour each. Mr. Creedon's fee is two guineas for the course ordinarily, or one guinea to trained nurses.

Nurse Bollance, Llandudno.—We regret to hear of the great loss you have sustained. We intend to refer to your case again.

Miss Wingfield, Macclesfield.—Contribution will appear next week. A voluminous correspondence is proceeding in the provincial Press re "Nurses *à la Mode*," and we are glad to observe a considerable disposition to defend nurses upon the part of the public.

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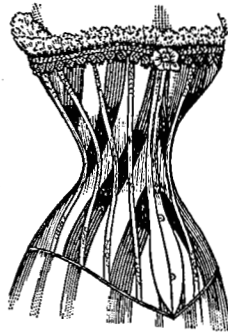
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