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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 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.

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