

## 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 APRIL.

- I.—How can just representation be attained on the General Council of the Royal British Nurses' Association?
- II.—Describe the best methods of applying leeches.  
(For Conditions see our Advertisement re Prizes.)

## Comments and Replies.

### REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

*Sister A., London.*—As we report in another column six more nurses have been selected by the India Office, and left London on the 26th inst. We should advise you to write to the President, Medical Board, the India Office, Whitehall.

"*One of the Maligned.*"—Must send name and address as a guarantee of authenticity. (Not for publication.)

*A New Member, London.*—Obtain "The Victory of the Nurses," price 2s., from the Manager, NURSING RECORD Office, 11, Adam Street, Strand. This will give you the whole history of the obtaining of the Charter, and the arguments advanced by those who opposed its being granted.

*Miss G. Dennis, Richmond.*—We believe that there are still a few hospitals which give certificates at the end of two years' training, but we cannot advise you to enter one of these. You would find yourself much handicapped at the expiration of your training if you wished to obtain an appointment elsewhere, as a three years' curriculum is almost invariably, and we believe rightly, demanded in selecting candidates for positions of responsibility in the nursing world.

*M.R.B.N.A., London.*—The list of the members proposed for the new General Council of the Royal British Nurses' Association has not yet been issued, but doubtless you will receive your paper before very long. We quite agree with you that it is very desirable that a list of the institutions to which candidates belong, should be given against their names in the papers sent round. We expressed this opinion in the NURSING RECORD last week. We cannot answer your question about the *ex-officio* matrons. The special general meeting requisitioned according to the Bye-Laws to consider the matter in 1895, is still "postponed."

*Hospital Sister, Liverpool.*—We are not acquainted with any nurse members of the Royal British Nurses' Association who approve of the scheme of admitting asylum attendants, as such, on to the Register of Trained Nurses. All the expressions of opinion we have heard have been strongly averse to this proposition. If it is carried we have reason to believe that a new society will immediately be formed for nurses who have received hospital training, and can produce certificates for three years' training, and satisfactory references from the matrons of the hospitals where they have been trained.

*Miss A. Long, Derby.*—You will find all the information you require in the "Nursing Directory," which can be obtained from the Manager, NURSING RECORD, 11, Adam Street, Strand, price 5s.

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