

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.

S. J., Bristol.—We shall be pleased to see you on the day you mention about 4.30. We fear, however, that as our views are the result of practical experience of what a nurse's training should be, that we are not likely to modify them. We advise you to enter a good general hospital and work for a three years' certificate.

Sister A., London.—Write to the Director-General Army Medical Department, 18, Victoria Street, S.W. As the regulations state that all nurses attached to the reserve must hold themselves at liberty at a fortnight's notice, you must, of course, get permission from your present committee to make such a contract with the War Office.

Miss C. Sumner, Dublin.—No doubt it appears hard to you that nurses' fees should be so much lower in Dublin than in London, and your wish to come to London for private nursing is natural. There is, however, an ample supply of nurses trained in the leading English hospitals to fill all vacancies here—indeed, the supply exceeds the demand. It is greatly to be hoped that the action of some private nursing institutions in sending nurses out for 30s. and less per week will not lower the usual fee of £2 2s., which alone enables private nurses to save for the future—when they can no longer work.

Miss G., Norwich.—Obtain the "Nursing Directory," price 5s., from the NURSING RECORD office, 11, Adam Street, Strand. It contains all the information you require. We will let you know when the little exhibition is ready. Subscribers to the NURSING RECORD will be at liberty to use the room at the office. We hope to make the department very useful to our readers.

Matron, Sussex.—Thanks for suggestion; it is excellent, and we will deal with it later on. We should much like to see the model you mention.

Probationer G., London.—Get "Hoblyn's Dictionary," price 10s. 6d., from Whittaker and Co., Paternoster Square. No nurse should be without it. We should advise you to pay a visit to Messrs. Maw, Son and Thompson, in Aldersgate Street; they make the plated kidney bowls you mention.

Nurse G., Hampstead.—We cannot advise you to join until Rule No. 12—to which we have alluded—has been altered. We are also of opinion that a club for professional women should be managed by a committee chosen from the members, and not by a triumvirate of men. We find all the other women's clubs have properly organised committees. Of course, no men's clubs of standing are run as commercial speculations; they are managed entirely by the members, who pay their own officials; they can thus direct affairs, and are not members on sufferance.

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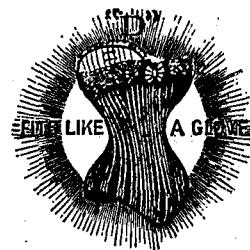


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