

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.

THE Editor begs to thank those nurses from the country who have volunteered (through the information given in the NURSING RECORD) for active service in Crete. The selection had to be made so promptly, as the nurses have already left London for Athens, that she had not time to communicate or interview any nurses from a distance. She feels sure

that those chosen will perform every duty, however difficult, in the right spirit, and that the good name of the profession is safe in their keeping.

"K."—We shall be pleased to answer your questions if you will send your name and address as a guarantee of good faith. We cannot answer anonymous correspondents. How much better it would be if all correspondents would sign their name in full to letters and questions.

Miss A. Gowers, Birmingham.—We will communicate with you later, when the matter has received due consideration. A district nurse ought to cost about £100 a year. The reason you cannot get a reliable person to stay for any length of time is that no woman can live and work on the meagre salary given. What class of domestic servant would accept such a pittance? We have heard several district nurses complain that they have not been able to procure sufficient food upon such a salary, and have depended upon gifts from the parishioners for their daily bread. There is no true charity in these arrangements.

Probationer C.—Your question is one for your matron. Don't write to strangers about such details.

Sister A., London.—Go to Miss Sadler, 211, Oxford Street; she makes a speciality of abdominal corsets; she could, no doubt, copy the shoulder-straps you mention. They are most useful for children who stoop. Thanks for compliments concerning NURSING RECORD, and for recommending it to your friends in the country.

Mrs. G., Lowestoft.—We think you are too old to begin nursing. The long hours and standing are very trying. We feel sure some less exhausting work would be more suitable.

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