

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.

K.—We consider that a fair price for massage is 5s. 6d. an hour. We do not know any thoroughly qualified masseuse who only charges 2s. 6d. We think that massage applied as you mention would be likely to be beneficial, but it should always be given under medical direction.

Staff Nurse, Bristol.—We have kept your letter, and will communicate with you again should it be necessary to despatch more nurses to Crete. We hope, however, that the Powers may be able to prevent further bloodshed.

Miss A. Teed, Halifax.—We regret that the MS. submitted is not suitable for our Journal, although we are of

opinion that you have considerable literary ability. Why do you not try to get some work in connection with the local press. If the pay is small, the work is of great educational value. We are not greatly in favour of stories about sick children; they touch on painful subjects and are apt to be mawkish. To portray the sufferings of little children as catchpenny hospital advertisements, appears to us inexcusable. Try to find a less morbid subject for your next story.

Sister E., Dublin.—Thank you for the pattern of splint. It is very ingenious. We should imagine that it will become very popular in first aid to the injured. Try to develop your mechanical faculty. We shall have great pleasure in showing anything you invent in the NURSING RECORD Exhibition Room. Let us know when you are in London. We shall be pleased to help you with introductions in connection with the work which you mention.

Miss Amy Ellis, London.—As all the matrons whom you have interviewed express the opinion that you are not sufficiently strong for the work of nursing, we should advise you not to insist upon undertaking duties for which you are not considered physically fitted. There is no doubt that deafness, even if not very pronounced, is a great obstacle to the success of a nurse.

Private Nurse, London.—If you have been nursing an infectious case you certainly have no right to undertake a maternity case until a medical man certifies you as free from all chance of conveying contagion. We should advise you to tell your superintendent that you must decline to accept so serious a responsibility.

Miss A. F., Leicester.—We cannot advise you to enter the nursing profession if you wish to make stipulations as to what you will and will not nurse. A nurse should be ready and willing to attend upon any sick persons. We do not imagine any matron would accept you as a probationer if you do not wish to nurse diphtheria.

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