

## Answers to Prize Questions.

ANSWERS BY L. W. E.

I.—How can just representation be attained on the General Council of the Royal British Nurses' Association?

Just representation will be best attained

(1) By re-instating the *ex-officio* matrons in the seats they were promised, and held, for seven years, and of which they have been deprived by methods which must be condemned by all honourable persons.

(2) By giving due weight to the opinions of the leading nurse members of the Nurses' Association. At present it is obvious that the opinions of matrons, upon nursing matters, if in opposition to those of the Honorary Officers, are received with contempt and insult.

(3) By limiting the number of representatives of each institution, so that the present arrangement by which Middlesex Hospital has twenty-five votes whilst numerous hospitals remain unrepresented, would not be possible.

(4) By conducting the business of the Association so that it may recover the prestige which it has lost, and so that it may once more be considered an honour to be elected a member of the Governing Body of the Royal British Nurses' Association. At present the leaders of the nursing world are conspicuous by their absence.

II.—Describe the best methods of applying leeches.

Wash the surface to which the leeches are to be applied with soap and water. The leeches may then be applied either in the small tubes, narrowed at the bottom, and specially supplied for this purpose, or in test tubes which have been partially filled with absorbent wool. If the surface be *clean* the leeches usually bite readily, and there is no need to smear the part with milk, as is sometimes advocated. When once applied the leeches must be allowed to drop off of themselves, otherwise they may leave their teeth behind and serious bleeding may ensue. It must always be remembered also that there is something in the bite of a leech which prevents coagulation of blood. When the leeches have dropped off, if the bleeding is to be kept up, a fomentation will probably be ordered. If not, the punctures made by the leeches may be covered with sal-alembroth wool and collodion. After leeches have been removed, a nurse must watch for bleeding. They may also be applied by being held in a towel, or piece of lint, but the process can be most accurately carried out by the method described above. A patient must always be watched during the application of leeches.

WE regret to state that few of the answers which we have received this month attain a sufficiently high standard to merit publication in the NURSING RECORD. We hope, however, that competitors will not be discouraged by the result of this month's competition, but will be stimulated to greater efforts in the future.

## Appointments.

MISS MARGARET HAMPSON has been appointed matron of St. George's Infirmary, Fulham Road, West Brompton. Miss Hampson was trained at St. Thomas' Hospital and the Marylebone Infirmary, and for the last two years has held the appointment of Lady Superintendent and Matron of the Cork Street Fever Hospital, Dublin.

Miss Mary Robin has been appointed superintendent of H.R.H. Princess Christian's Trained Nurses' Home at Windsor. Miss Robin is a member of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and a Queen's Nurse (Scottish branch). She has superintended the District Nurses' Home at Kilmarnock, and has acted as assistant, and district superintendent at the Training Home for Queen's Nurses, Edinburgh. Miss Robin has of late held the post of assistant superintendent at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, at which institution, and at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, in the same city, she received her training. Miss Robin also trained at the Glasgow Maternity Hospital, and holds the certificate of the London Obstetrical Society, so that she comes to her new post with a wide and varied nursing experience.

Miss J. A. Husband has been appointed matron of the Glasgow Maternity Hospital. Miss Husband was trained at the Royal Infirmary, and the Royal Maternity Hospital, Edinburgh, and holds the certificate of the London Obstetrical Society. For the last five years she has held the post of charge nurse at the Royal Maternity Hospital, Edinburgh.

The post of Lady Superintendent and Matron of the Jenny Lind Infirmary, Norwich, has been filled by the appointment of Miss Lucy Maude Newill, who was trained at the Free Hospital for Sick Children, Nottingham, and was for four years head nurse at the same hospital. She was also sister for 14 months at Pendlebury Children's Hospital, and since that time matron at the Nottingham Children's Convalescent Home. There were 65 applicants for the vacant post. The vacancy was occasioned by the resignation of Miss Mary Hood Harding, who has been offered and accepted the appointment of Matron of the Gwelo Hospital, Mashonaland.

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