

### Prize Questions.

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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 MAY.

- I.—How can Nurses help to elevate their profession?  
II.—Describe the best method of cleansing catheters.

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### Comments and Replies.

#### REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

*M.R.B.N.A., Edinburgh.*—We quite sympathise with your views concerning the present management of the Royal British Nurses' Association. We think that reforms must come; it is only a matter of time. We do not therefore advise you to resign. "He who fights and runs away, may live to fight another day," but this is not the policy which commends itself to those whose opinion is worth most. Our advice to you is to remain a member, and to work for the true interests of the nursing profession.

*Indignation, York.*—We understand that the letters which were read at the Council Meeting of the Royal British Nurses' Association were from influential country matrons. That they were received, as we reported, is only one more

instance of the way in which the opinion of the leading nurse members of the Association is treated. By all means write to the Executive Committee, but we are afraid you will get no reply beyond the stereotyped one that your letter has been received. Thank you for your kind expression of opinion concerning our own work for the Association.

*E. T., Leamington.*—Why do you not answer the Prize Questions given each week in the NURSING RECORD? You might not get the prize, but they would be useful to you in familiarising you with the way to write examination papers, which you say is a difficulty to you. We instituted these questions in the hope of being useful to some of our readers who are at a disadvantage when they have to express what they know through the medium of a written examination.

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