

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 AUGUST.

- I.—What would be the advantages of State Registration of Nurses to the public?
 II.—How would you give a vapour bath?

(For Conditions see our Advertisement re Prizes.)

Comments and Replies.

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Nurse, London, and Miss A. J. Wiginton, Saltash.—Apply to Dr. Fletcher Little, 32, Harley Street, London, W. Massage cannot be learnt by a few superficial lessons. You must be prepared to give up three months to study if you wish to become an expert in the art.

Staff Nurse, London.—Read letter by M. G. in last week's issue. We consider those qualified nurses who desire to co-operate for "mutual counsel, comfort, and support" have a very real grievance in being prevented so doing, by the mismanagement of what should be their own Association,

namely, the Royal British Nurses' Association; and we certainly think that nurses like yourself have a right to protest in any form you choose against those who, by their intimidation, are preventing nurses being able to avail themselves of the privileges granted to them in the Royal Charter. Imagine a nurse suggesting she had a right to become a member of the British Medical Association, and participate in its advantages! The medical men have their own Association, and manage it their own way, and we nurses have a right to our own Association, and to manage our affairs in our own way.

Trained Nurse, Wolverhampton.—Membership of the Registered Nurses' Society is open only to nurses who have received three years' hospital training, and who have been registered by the Royal British Nurses' Association. You would not therefore be eligible, as you have only a two years' certificate. We are afraid this fact will be against you in applying for any post, as nearly every hospital of repute insists upon the three years' standard as the shortest period in which an efficient training can be received. We should advise you to obtain another year's experience in a good hospital.

Private Nurse, Leicester.—It is beginning to be recognised both by nurses and the public that they have a right to their own earnings, and that it is not justifiable to apply money which nurses have earned to any charitable object, however intrinsically excellent. We should advise you to join a nurses' co-operation.

Miss E. P., Newcastle.—We should advise you to join a society of nurses formed on co-operative principles. Nurses find over and over again that it does not answer for them to work on their own account. They may get plenty of cases for a while, and then, as the few doctors who gave them cases fall off, they are often left without work.

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