

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 OCTOBER.

- I.—What are the chief difficulties with which nurses have to contend in private nursing?
- II.—Describe the position in bed usually adopted by cases of enteric fever, peritonitis, heart disease, and meningitis.

(For Conditions see our Advertisement re Prizes.)

Comments and Replies.

E. S., Streatham.—Many complain of the same difficulty. Thanks for sending address. We are gathering evidence on the matter. We shall deal with the second question in our Special Number, which will appear on October 30th, in commemoration of the five hundredth issue of the NURSING RECORD.

Mrs. Grant, Bognor.—Report the matter to the Medical Officer of Health for the district.

Sister A., Dublin.—The post is practically filled up. We do not know whether it will be advertised later, but for every matronship which falls vacant in London there are always a great number of applicants.

Miss C. G., London.—We fear the Greek Government will have very little money to spare in improving their hospital system, in the near future, owing to the monstrous war indemnity, but as we are in correspondence with those on

the spot who are interested in nursing reform in Greece, we will give you further information.

Private Nurse, Edinburgh.—We think that Messrs. Wodderspoon & Co., of 7, Searle Street, Lincoln's Inn, W.C., would probably be able to supply you with the charts you require.

Staff Nurse, Birmingham.—The Registered Nurses' Society was founded in order to supply to the public thoroughly competent nurses, who have passed through three years' hospital training, and have been registered by the Royal British Nurses' Association, after full inquiry into their character and capacity, and also in order that the nurses themselves may be able to obtain their full fees, less a small percentage to cover working expenses. Unless some such guarantee is given to the public, they are very much at the mercy of unprincipled persons, who pose as being what they are not. You would not, of course, be eligible for membership until you have obtained your certificate.

Pupil Nurse, Leeds.—The prize questions which we publish this week are the first in a new competition beginning this month, and ending in December. We should advise you to compete for them. If, as you say, you express yourself so badly in writing, you are one of the very people that the questions are designed to help. It was in order that those who have had no previous experience in expressing what they know on paper, and who are consequently at a disadvantage, might learn to do so accurately, that we instituted the NURSING RECORD questions.

Puzzled, Richmond.—We should advise you to attend the meeting at St. Martin's Town Hall, Charing Cross Road, on Wednesday, October 13th. You will then hear an explanation more in detail than we can possibly give you in this column. We do not wonder that you do not understand the present position of affairs in the Royal British Nurses' Association if you have been abroad, and have not seen the NURSING RECORD.

M. R. B. N. A., London.—We are glad that you make a point of asking all your friends to come to the meeting at St. Martin's Town Hall on October 13th. We hope that many other nurses will do the same.

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