

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.

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Comments and Replies.

Perplexed.—We have answered your questions in the "Medical Matters" in our present issue, and cordially thank you for your good wishes.

District Nurse, Liverpool.—The splint-padding can be obtained at Mark Street Mills, Liverpool, and is made by the Liverpool Lint Company. Never use a baby's bottle with a long tube; those with screw stoppers are much more easily kept clean.

Certificated Nurse, Belfast.—Address the Medical Director, Indian Army Service, India Office, Whitehall. Nurses for Plague duty are engaged on the same terms as the Indian Army Nursing Sisters and wear the same uniform. We hear there are more cases of plague in India at the present time than there were this time last year.

Sister, London.—Nurses can go to the Home of Rest at Brighton from Saturday to Monday, if there is a bed, and find an immense benefit from "a good blow" and two nights' sleep in the pure air. We believe many a nurse will be saved a break-down in health by the new rule of leave of absence from Saturday to Monday once a month, which is becoming very general in the more liberally managed London hospitals. We are glad you were so happy at the Home, and also that you "always read the NURSING RECORD."

A Mother, Ealing.—Our attention has not been directed to Hay's Food for Infants. We have asked for samples, and will test it carefully.

Miss G. Armstrong, Manchester.—Many thanks for kind congratulations re 500th number. The labour of editing a weekly journal is great, but we are firmly convinced that no profession can afford to be without an independent class journal—especially a woman's profession, as women are, at present, struggling against determined and bitter opposition to their right of co-operation and organization. We are quite satisfied that the NURSING RECORD is doing its work as the representative organ of the nursing profession. All other so-called nurses' journals, mostly controlled by men and unprofessional persons, discourage nurses from uniting, and use all their influence to prevent them obtaining legal status. The NURSING RECORD advises nurses to form themselves into a strong professional union; there will then be no need to cringe for crumbs; they will be able to demand what is just and right, and they will get it.

Nurse G.—Anyone may answer the Prize Questions, as our desire is to help those who desire to make themselves proficient, and we believe that nothing helps so much in accuracy of thought, in showing one how much or how little one knows, and where one is deficient, as putting down one's knowledge on paper.

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