

## Prize Questions.

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### QUESTIONS FOR JULY.

- I.—What would be the advantages of State Registration of Nurses to medical men?
  - II.—How would you ensure surgical cleanliness in a room in which an operation is to be performed.
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## Comments and Replies.

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*M. Wilson.*—We think that if you have been waiting for a year for a promised vacancy you are certainly justified in writing, or calling on the matron, to inquire if there is likely to be a vacancy soon. We imagine that, as you were told you were suitable, that you would have been informed had it been decided afterwards not to accept your application. We have no personal knowledge of the training school you mention, but we should advise you to train in a general hospital.

*Miss Day, Lambeth.*—We are sorry that owing to pressure upon our space we have been unable to deal at length with the objects for which the Royal British Nurses' Association was founded, but we shall devote much space in future numbers to discussing this Association, and prove how entirely it has departed from its fundamental principles.

*Disfranchised, Newcastle.*—We are glad you appreciate our views on the woman question. We do not wonder that you are indignant at being classed with criminals, lunatics, and paupers; but surely you knew this before you read the article in the NURSING RECORD? If all women felt it to be a personal degradation, as it undoubtedly is, to be disfranchised in company with the classes we have mentioned, and said so, in season and out of season, there would soon be justice for them, but extraordinary and impossible as it appears, some women seem actually to like it. Women have for so long been denied their rights that some of them seem to have adopted the attitude taken up almost of necessity by slaves, and to think that the ends they desire are most easily attained by flattery, cunning, and untruthfulness. It is women of this type who retard the advent of reforms, but they only delay them, they cannot prevent them, for the laws of nature are inexorable, and progress is inevitable and certain.

*Private Nurse, Cardiff.*—The question of the legal registration of nurses is undoubtedly the most important one of the day for nurses, and it behoves all who care for their profession to acquaint themselves with the reasons for and against such registration. We are also of opinion that the matter affects the public quite as closely as the nursing profession, and that every effort should be made to educate the public mind upon the subject, and to acquaint members of Parliament with the views of the nursing profession.

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