

Our Guinea Prize.

We have pleasure in announcing that our Guinea Prize for March has been won by Miss L. Attree, 8, Richmond Terrace, Brighton.

KEY TO PUZZLES.

Izal.—Ice-all.
Horrockses' Flannelette.—HOR-rocks-ES F-lane-
LET.

Icilma.—I'se ill MA.
Nestlé's Milk.—NEST-les-mill-K.

The following competitors have also answered the questions correctly :—

Miss E. Warrener, Matron, The Schools, Cheadle Hulme.

Nurse Eliza, North Ormesby Hosp., Middlesbro'.

Miss K. H. Todd, Royal Hosp. for Sick Children, Bristol.

Miss H. Courtenay, Westmorland Street, W.

Miss A. Riley, North-Eastern Hosp., Tottenham.

Miss Ida MacRay, North-Eastern Hosp., Tottenham.

Miss Lydia Wills, 123, New Bond Street, W.

Miss M. Duffield, Albion Terrace, Bridgnorth.

Miss A. Pettit, Northern Hosp., Winchmore Hill.

Miss A. Freeman, Shandwick Place, Edinburgh.

Miss A. M. Beedie, 8, New Cavendish Street, W.

Miss W. Canner, Priory Road, Kilburn.

Mrs. Lowe, Carpenter Road, Birmingham.

Miss C. Carter, Grosvenor Road, S.W.

Miss A. Bryant, Hamilton Place, Piccadilly.

Miss F. Shore, Charlemont Street, Dublin.

Miss S. Cotton, Bellevue Terrace, Falmouth.

Miss A. Bernard, Fourth Avenue, Hove.

Miss C. Grayson, Kay Park Terrace, Kilmarnock.

Mrs. Blount, Kildare Street, Dublin.

Sister Lucy, Burton Court, S.W.

Miss T. Ray, Gloucester Terrace, W.

Miss Bessie Carter, Lambeth Infirmary, S.E.

Miss Garwood, The Infirmary, Kingston Hill.

Mrs. Train, Glenrosa, Wembley.

Miss F. Ashwin, Abthorpe, Towcester.

Miss E. Richardson, Accidt. Inf., Hebburn-on-Tyne.

Miss G. Macleod, Forres, N.B.

Miss S. Dean, Burlington Street, Brighton.

We are pleased to note the names of so many new competitors, but observe that both old and new competitors have in great numbers failed to guess the first section of the Puzzle—the majority having written Isinglass instead of Izal. We presume the reason is that this ideal disinfectant, which is non-poisonous and non-corrosive, has not long had the advantage of the publicity of our advertising columns.

The new set of Prize Puzzles will be found on page xvi.

The Rules for the Guinea Prize remain the same.

Nursing Organization.

Mr. Douglas Bryan has sent at our request a reply in letter form to the nurse critics of his suggestions for nursing organisation; also a concise scheme in detail, touching on the governing authority—examinations, fees, certificates, training-schools, and schedules—a paper of a most interesting nature. We hope to find space to print these communications next week.

State Registration in New Zealand.

The *Government Gazette* of New Zealand for January 29th ult. contains the first list of nurses registered by the State in that colony, and numbering nearly 300.

The Nurses' Registration Act has now been in operation for over a year. Early in December the first examination for nurses training in hospitals was held at seven centres, the examinations being both written and practical. Nurses are allowed to take the anatomy and physiology paper at the end of their second year of training, leaving the nursing paper till the end of the third year. At each of these examinations candidates are required to present vouchers certifying that they are eligible for examination, signed by the Medical Officer, the Matron, and the Chairman of the Board of Management of their training-school. These documents are now before us. The first certifies that the candidate is over twenty-three years of age, has completed two years' training in a given hospital, and "is eligible for examination in anatomy and physiology under 'the Nurses' Registration Act, 1901,' having had systematic instruction from both Medical Officer and Matron, and having attended at least twelve lectures in each year." The second certifies that the nurse is over twenty-three years of age, that she has completed three years' training in a stated hospital, and is eligible for the final examination under "The Nurses' Registration Act, 1901," under the conditions detailed above.

The effects of the Act are already beginning to be felt. The independent examination affords an excellent test of the teaching given in each hospital. Those medical men and matrons who have confidence in their methods of training and teaching regard it with equanimity. A few schools sent up no nurses for the State examination, but the pressure of public opinion and the preference given in all appointments to State-registered nurses must ultimately bring all into line.

An effort is now being made to induce local governing bodies to impose a preliminary examination in general knowledge before an applicant can be admitted as a candidate for hospital training. The Registration Certificate, issued from the Inspector-General's Office, Hospitals and Asylums Department, is signed by the Registrar of Nurses and the Minister in charge of the Department. It gives the name of the nurse registered, the date of registration, her qualifications, address, and certificate number, and certifies that "this is a true copy of the entry of the above specified name as a State-registered Nurse of New Zealand, and that the prescribed fee of — has been duly received for such registration."

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