

Our Guinea Prize.

We have pleasure in announcing that our Guinea Prize for April has been won by Miss Eliza Tomkins (Nurse Eliza), The Hospital, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

KEY TO PUZZLES.

1. O'Brien's Cycles.—O-BRI-ENS sickles.
2. Leslie's Dressing.—LES-lies-dressing.
3. Mackintosh's Toffee.—Mackintosh's Tea-off-E.
4. Bryant and May's Safety Matches.—Bee-RY-ant & may'S Safety matches.

The following competitors have also answered the puzzles correctly:—

Miss E. Rawlings, R.N.S., Hotel Belmont, Montreux.
 Miss May Barker, Hotel Belmont, Montreux.
 "Leo," Lincoln House, Harrow.
 Miss Isabel Sherlock, Tansley Place, Wandsworth.
 Miss Stevenson, Cornelia Hospital, Poole.
 Miss A. E. Rossiter, Kent Nursing Inst., Tunbridge Wells.
 Miss Paynter, Cornelia Hospital, Poole.
 Miss L. Attree, Richmond Terrace, Brighton.
 Miss Baylee, Royal Alexandra Hospital, Rhyl.
 Sister Marian, Royal United Hospital, Bath.
 Miss C. Allee, Alma Road, Southampton.
 Miss E. Bradford, St. James' Road, Leicester.
 Miss R. Edwards-Webb, Royal United Hospital, Bath.
 Miss A. Freeman, Shandwick Place, Edinburgh.
 Miss A. Riley, North-Eastern Hospital, Tottenham.
 Miss F. Smith, Ockley Court, Dorking.
 Miss M. Fryer, Sandhills Lodge, Betchworth.
 Miss E. Richardson, Accident Inf., Hebburn-on-Tyne.
 Miss M. H. Sherlock, The Infirmary, Leicester.
 Miss A. Rider, Eastbourne Terrace, Hyde Park.
 Miss A. Taylor, Greenbank, Orrell.
 Miss E. Islip, R.N.S., 269, Regent Street.
 Miss R. Hughes, Oxford St., Mountain Ash, S. Wales.
 Miss S. Lee, Marine Parade, Brighton.
 Mrs. Ellis, Oxford Terrace, W.
 Mrs. Young, Regent Street, Nottingham.
 Miss A. Trew, Woodhall Spa, Lincolnshire.
 Miss A. Shrimpton, Todenham, Moreton-in-Marsh.
 Miss F. Harris, Nightingale House, Guildford.
 Miss E. Warrenner, Matron, The Schools, Cheadle Hulme.
 Miss K. Hardy, Miner's Hospital, Marske-by-Sea.
 Miss G. Partridge, Union Infirmary, Leicester.
 Miss C. L. Hindley, Meads Vicarage, Eastbourne.

The following competitors substituted Leslie's bandages, strapping, or elastic stockings for "dressing," otherwise their replies were correct:—

Misses K. Todd, Bristol; J. E. Martin, Middlesbrough; A. F. Worts, Birmingham; Minnie M. Duffield, Bridgnorth; Irene B. Smith, Croxley Green; Bessie Carter, Lambeth Infirmary; G. A. Hancock, Bath; H. E. Courteney, Westmorland Street; H. M. Garwood, Throat Hospital, Golden Square; E. Rogan, Dublin; C. Mackenzie, Perth; M. Beardsley, R.N.S.; M. Beilby, Marylebone Road; J. MacNay, North Eastern Hospital; F. Sheppard, Tunbridge Wells; B. Sheard, Chislehurst; A. Beedie, New Cavendish Street; L. Stringer, City of London Infirmary; A. Pettit, Northern Hospital; H. Dale, City Infirmary, Bow Road; E. M. Smith, Poplar and Stepney Sick Asylum; J. Lawson, Edinburgh; M. E. Power, Royal Naval School, Greenwich; C. Allen,

North Berwick; T. Grey, Durham; B. Hare, Limerick; Miss Rouse, Matron, Beacon Hill Hospital; Mrs. Harwood, Maida Vale; Mrs. Train, Wembley; Mrs. Blackwood, Belfast; Nurse Lawrence, Kensington Infirmary.

The new set of Picture Puzzles will be found on p. VIII.

The rules for the Guinea Prize remain the same.

Midwives for the Poor.

Mr. G. W. Duncan has been appointed secretary to the Central Midwives' Board, which is temporarily located at the Privy Council Office, Whitehall, S.W. We are informed that the Board is at present engaged in framing rules and regulations under Section 3 of the Midwives' Act, 1902, and that when these rules have received the sanction of the Privy Council due notice will be given, and applications invited from those who wish to be placed on the Midwives' Roll. We shall hope to give our readers further information on this subject later, but we learn that it will be some time before the Board has advanced beyond the preliminary stage of its work.

No less than three schemes are at present before the public in regard to the supply of midwives for the poor. Mrs. Heywood Johnstone, Chairman of the Rural Midwives' Association, pleads for funds for training the "homely cottage nurse or midwife." Lady Ebury and Miss Katherine Twining urge that the "crying need all over the country is for the clean, sensible midwife, not above household work, knowing her own limitations, and yet endowed with an average amount of brains which have been carefully cultivated." This training, they contend, must be carried on in the homes of the patients if the midwives are to learn to be resourceful. Again, the scheme propounded by Lady George Hamilton and Miss Gregory is to build a hospital in which women may receive a certain amount of training in general nursing and midwifery.

In connection with two of these schemes the flaw, in our opinion, is that the promoters are so insistent that the woman to be trained shall be the homely neighbour not above doing the housework. We do not think the cottage woman, taken out of her surroundings for a few months and then sent back to work amongst them, will divest herself of the traditions of a lifetime, or that she will be a safe attendant for the poor lying-in mother. The thoroughly-trained nurse with a midwifery qualification, working under medical direction, is the right attendant, and we should like to see the attention of philanthropic ladies turned towards solving this problem. A national scheme, worked in connection with the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute, and, if necessary, aided by the State, would best meet the difficulty. A woman in her extremity should certainly be entitled to the services of a nurse, as she is to those of a doctor, provided by the State.

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