

Our Guinea Prize.

We have pleasure in announcing that our Guinea Prize for April has been won by Miss Sutton (Sister Nora), 16, Trafalgar Road, Birkdale, Lancashire.

KEY TO PRIZE PUZZLES.

- No. 1. Cadbury's Cocoa.
C A D berries cock O.
No. 2. Brook's Uniforms.
B rooks U N I forms.
No. 3. Garrould's Cloaks.
G A R rolled S C L oaks.
No. 4. Welford and Sons' Milk.
Well for D and sons mill K.

The following competitors have solved the puzzles correctly:—

Miss A. F. Muller, Boxmoor; Miss C. James, London, W.; Miss G. Mackie, Lanark; Miss G. Moor, Uxbridge; Miss H. Bacon, Houghton-le-Spring; Miss C. Massey, Limerick; Miss Mostyn, Swansea; Miss A. Todhunter, Altrincham; Miss H. E. Grover, Bournemouth; Mrs. Etheridge, West Kensington; Mrs. Atherley, London, S.W.; Miss Gowing, Kensington; Miss F. Sheppard, Broadstairs; Miss T. Turner, Exeter; Miss A. Carey, Plymouth; Mrs. Shoesmith, Durham; Miss E. Gregory, Leeds; Miss Bowen, Brighton; Miss McNair, Glasgow; Miss N. Longley, York; Miss Logan, Dublin; Mrs. Haenel, Thornton Heath; Miss Rose, Edinburgh; Miss M. C. Beavan, Swanage; Mrs. Berry, Norwich; Miss Carstairs, Leith; Mrs. Vane, Truro; Miss M. Whitworth, Maidstone; Miss M. Cooke, E. Malling.

The new set of puzzles will be found on Page viii. The rules remain the same.

League News.

A General Meeting of the League of St. John's House Nurses was held at 8, Norfolk Street, Strand, on Thursday, April 26th. An important item of business was a resolution which was passed: "That the League of St. John's House Nurses in General Meeting assembled reaffirms the principle which it holds to be of primary importance that on any Governing Body for the Nursing Profession constituted under an Act of Parliament there should be a distinct majority of nurses elected by the Registered nurses themselves."

A vote of congratulation was also passed to Sister Agnes Karll, President, and to the members of the German Nurses' Association on their success in obtaining State Registration.

The meeting was followed by a social gathering when tea and talk were interspersed with a little music. After this pleasant interchange of news Sister Margaretta, C.S.P., most kindly gave a lantern lecture on the Mission in Corea, which was both interesting and instructive. All were unanimous in voting it a very good time, and all are looking forward to the next merry meeting.

The Private Nurse.

Much has been written of late about the delinquencies of private nurses. That they are not perfect is sadly true, but the fault is in the training, and not in the nurse.

If you wish to be a private nurse, you should begin to train early. Take care, first of all, to be born the eldest daughter in a large family, and do not be the prettiest; have many brothers, and see that they are handsome. The reason for this is apparent. If you were an only daughter, or pretty, you might be spoiled, and then you would be of no use at all. Moreover, handsome brothers have a habit of telling you of your faults—gently perhaps, but firmly—which is good training for you. You will not be so sensitive when your patients complain of things. And your pretty sisters, whose mission in life is to be ornamental, will make you more charitably disposed towards other people's pretty sisters.

The first few years of your life you can profitably fill in as "fag" to your brothers, who should be older than yourself; you might also make yourself useful to your younger sisters. Later on, at school, learn a few languages and some music; geography is also useful, and if there is a debating class, join it; learn other things if you have time. Languages are necessary. You may be sent to nurse a French lady, who, when she has a pain, or is cross, forgets the little English that she ever knew; and if you have to call her maid in often to act as interpreter she will give herself airs and become insufferable. Or you might be with a German who has no interpreter. I knew of one lady who spoke English well, but when she developed pneumonia she could only speak Italian. The nurse knew a little French, the Doctor a little German, but neither of them could understand the patient, which was trying.

Music you will find useful, especially if you can sing a little. All the children I have ever met loved to be sung to, and they like you to sing well, not, as one little man said to me, "Mamma sings like my wheelbarrow." It is better not to sing than to emulate a squeaking wheelbarrow. And to be able to play well is often a godsend. You may say that you are going to nurse not entertain your patients. The two cannot be separated. A friend of mine was once nursing an ordinary, every-day medical case. The patient suddenly went mad, and did the most extraordinary things. The doctor lived miles away, and the only other member of the family was an ineptitude. Hence it happened that the nurse had sole charge of

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