

furnished with every convenience, but no unnecessary furniture.

The doors and the walls are throughout the College painted with washable paint, the colour scheme soft shades of green and cream. There is a palatial recreation room, besides a smaller one in which the pupils receive their guests, a room for study, furnished with desks—in fact, ample accommodation for every requirement.

During the second year of the pupil's training the whole day is spent in the wards.

I have described in detail this fine nursing College of the Salpêtrière because in itself it is of great importance; it stands for a new order of things; a revolution is taking place in France, in the same way that a revolution began in England when the Nightingale School was founded. Trained nursing, as we understand it, does not exist in France (except in a very few hospitals), but in a few years' time the Paris hospitals will be worked by the graduates of the Salpêtrière; and later the reform will spread to the provinces. The comforts which the College affords ought to be an inducement for well-educated gentlewomen offering themselves for training. This is greatly to be desired.

Mademoiselle Duconseil explained that a stringent, unalterable rule obtains in all the hospitals of the Assistance Publique, namely, that no patient is ever refused admittance; for instance, if a ward of twenty beds is full, and ten more apply for admittance, room must be found for them on the floor, if nowhere else.

This is certainly a humane principle, and more in accordance with the spirit and traditions of the ancient history of hospitals; but the question arises, is overcrowding ever justifiable? Also, is it quite consistent to give theoretical instruction to the nurse pupils in hygiene and sanitation, and to run counter to it in practice? I should be glad if some of the readers of this journal would give their opinions.

After thanking Mademoiselle Duconseil for her kindness and courtesy in devoting so much of her time to us, we left her, and were taken by our guide to one of the forty blocks of this great settlement.

We visited a large ward for nervous cases.

The ward was lofty and well ventilated, but that middle row of beds, to my materialistic mind, meant *overcrowding*. To the Assistance Publique it stood for the Christian grace of Charity, which refuses admittance to no one, and opens the door to all who knock. Which is the right thing? Are both ways equally right? If so, the question becomes a problem.

BEATRICE KENT.

Our Guinea Prize.

We have pleasure in announcing that Miss D. Collings, Dr. Barnardo's Home, Barkingside, Essex, has won the guinea prize for August.

KEY TO PRIZE PUZZLES.

No. 1.—Plasmon Bread.

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No. 2.—Neave's Food.

Knee V eyes food.

No. 3.—Erasmic Soap.

Ear ass M eye C sow P.

No. 4.—Oatine Face Cream.

O tee N f ace CRE-ham.

The following competitors have also solved the puzzles correctly:—Nurse Hayes, Southwell; M. E. Wood, Tunbridge Wells; H. Lord, Kensington; E. L. Pennie, Motherwell; A. Avery, Bradford; A. M. Shoesmith, Durham; A. Symonds, Stroud Green; C. McLeod, Isle of Lewis; L. M. Wilson, Knutsford; S. S. Sherring, West Derby, Liverpool; E. Dinnie, Harrow; A. R. Scott, Mealsgate; E. S. Sills, Barrowby; A. Haigh, Lockwood, near Huddersfield; A. Thomas, Bognor; M. Cooke, East Malling; J. Cahill, Dublin; E. Tompkins, North Ormsby; F. A. Taylor, Malvern; H. Munro, Broughty Ferry; L. M. Griffin, Goodmayes; A. Mutton, Plymouth; S. J. Brown, Eastwood; C. Fleming, Dublin; M. L. Ford, Newington; M. Modlin, Brixton; E. Gibson, Acton; I. Brochner, Lincoln; A. Barling, Kidderminster; E. Bowring, Wimborne; A. Holding, Mortlake; M. McWilliams, Omagh; G. Morley, Maida Vale, W.; E. B. Charlton, Ilkley; M. Robinson, Cork; J. Back, Fulham; C. A. Hunt, Bradford; L. Jackson Bennett, Edinburgh; B. Sheard, Chislehurst; L. Brown, Fairy Cross; F. M. Sharp, Castle Bromwich; I. Lavell, Stansted; E. M. Dickson, Strood; L. Attree, Brighton; E. E. Fowler, London; C. McCarthy, London; K. E. Smith, Warrington; A. Armstrong, Falkirk; G. Gilchrist, Edinburgh; M. Whitworth, Maidstone; P. E. Smith, Monsall; M. Beardsley, Bayswater; M. Connell, Wolverhampton; I. M. Ewins, Leeds; E. L. Rhodes, Urmston; B. Lister, Huddersfield; E. M. Lenthall, Lower Sydenham; K. Morley, Reading; R. Conway, Southport; F. Maddock, Rathvilly, Co. Carlow; G. Smart, Cork; E. C. Evans, Mountsorrel; H. G. Bowers, Nottingham; I. M. Bruford, Southport; E. Frost, Guildford; E. G. Moore, Hither Green; B. Shelton, Leicester; E. H. L. Dowd, Clonskeagh, Dublin; A. Kemp, Upper Walmer; M. Price, Chell, Tunstall; S. Longley, East Grinstead; L. Warriner, London; A. G. Layton, Muswell Hill; M. Cooke, Portland; G. Macgregor, Aberdeen; K. Cullerne, Guildford; M. T. Roper, Hackney; M. Bridges, Reigate; C. L. Barker, Bath; E. Lenton, Acton; F. W. Pritchard, Tulse Hill; F. Sheppard, Eastbourne; L. M. Simpson, Ipswich; M. Taylor, Boscombe; M. Goodrich, Leicester; E. Saunders, Belfast; M. Deverill, Birkdale; A. M. Warren, Kensington.

The rules for the competition remain the same. They will be found on page xii.

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