

The Wreck.

The wreck of the "Berlin" off the Hook of Holland will long be remembered as an appalling calamity. It will be remembered also for the gallantry of men, and the heroism of women, and the doctors and nurses in whose hands the survivors are now receiving every care must appreciate the opportunity of contributing in any degree to their recovery.

Our Guinea Prize.

We have pleasure in announcing that our Guinea Prize for February has been won by Miss Gertrude Thompson, 31, High Street, Southampton.

KEY TO PRIZE PUZZLES.

- No. 1.—Catheterpurin. Cat eat her purring.
 No. 2.—Cyllin. Sill in.
 No. 3.—Plasmon. PL ass mon. (Scotch for man).
 No. 4.—Medical Supply Association. Medical Supply Association (football).

The following competitors have also solved the puzzles correctly: Miss A. E. Smith, Bedford; Miss M. Maxwell, Bromley-by-Bow; Miss K. Eekersley, Middlesbrough; Miss French, Birmingham; Miss Oldacre, Swanage; Miss Ireland, Manchester; Miss Chambers, Kidderminster; Miss Firth, London; Miss Lisle, Penzance; Miss Chapman, Bath; Miss Lucas, Tunbridge Wells; Miss Henry, Liverpool; Miss Fletcher, Clapham; Miss King, Gravesend; Nurse Eliza, Middlesbrough; Miss F. E. Robinson, London; Miss B. L. Prior, Westminster; Miss Nicoll, Newcastle; Miss Maw, Brighton; Miss Mayne, Waterford; Miss Hunt, Birkenhead; Mrs. West, Norwich; Mrs. Thompson, Cheltenham; Miss Macdonald, Perth.

The puzzles were evidently more than usually difficult this month, and we opened quite a large number before we found a solution which qualified the sender for the prize. Number 4 seems to have been too difficult for many, and Number 2 also has proved a source of difficulty to a considerable number. The following competitors have solved three out of the four puzzles correctly: Miss M. Modlin, Brixton; Miss A. L. Etteridge, West Kensington; Miss G. Smart, Cork; Miss F. Sheppard, Southampton; Miss Walker, Southport; Miss M. Parry, London; Miss Grant, Southampton; Miss Williams, Dolgelly; Mrs. Shoesmith, Durham; Miss E. F. Moakes, Chesterfield.

The new set of Prize Puzzles will be found on page viii. The rules remain the same.

The Paris Conference.

When it was first proposed that the interim Conference of the International Council of Nurses should be held in Paris, I was told it would be impossible (provocative word) as so few people were interested in trained nursing in France. If this were true (which it isn't) it appeared the very reason we should go there.

Miss L. L. Dock, our Hon. Secretary, therefore opened up negotiations with several ladies we knew were working with heads and hearts on this question of modern nursing, and she received so much encouragement that we decided that a visit to Paris of the International would be mutually beneficial to trained nurses from the various Continents.

Monday in last week found Miss Isla Stewart and myself in the fairest of cities, and we have just passed through one of the most fascinating times in our lives.

Suffice it to say that in a few days, owing to the sincere interest taken in nursing reform by Mons. Mesureur, the clever Director of the Assistance Publique; by Madame Alphen Salvador, a true pioneer of nursing; by Mlle. Chaptal, another earnest worker in nursing and social reform; and by kind Madame Gillot and charming Mrs. Kelly, we have been enabled to make arrangements for a Conference which we have no doubt will rival its predecessors at Buffalo and Berlin.

The Conference will be held at the Musée Social, in the Rue Las-Cases, a most central situation, and to prove how sincere is the *entente cordiale*, the Society has granted us the use of their beautiful hall "in a present." Is not that most generous?

Mons. Mesureur is extending his powerful support to the Conference. He will open the first Session—which is to be in French—and will be followed by very representative speakers, on all the various lines of nursing work now being so earnestly projected in France.

The nursing question in this beautiful country is a stupendous one, and there is a wonderful awakening concerning it in Paris, Bordeaux, Lyons, and elsewhere. One takes the first step on the upward ladder when one realises that one must ascend. That is the situation here—all are anxious to climb up—and I find, far from there being no interest concerning nursing in France, it is rapidly becoming a burning question. Our Conference, therefore, takes place at the psychological moment, and will attract nurses from far and wide, who love to be in a live movement.

Then of courtesies and kindness to be extended to the guests who come to Paris in June, already the time is very full. There is

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