

aim and ambition is to maintain and to raise the standard of health of all the population amongst whom she works.

No matter to what country we belong, we all, I fear, with a few honourable exceptions, have reason to deplore our excessive infant mortality. Speaking of my own country, the death rate, though normal, is still considerably lower than that of England or Scotland, the reason being that Irish mothers are more in the habit of nursing their children themselves. I do not know how France stands as regards her death rate from tuberculosis, but in Ireland it is our greatest scourge. Now here are two great evils in which the district nurse can come to the nation's aid. No one can so well instruct young mothers in the proper management of infants and the danger of artificial feeding; no one can so well warn the consumptive and his family of the risk of infection and the precautions to be taken against the spread of the disease. The good district nurse's work does not end even here; she endeavours in every way she can to put the people among whom she works in the way of helping themselves, and with this end in view she tries to get into touch with all the local institutions and organisations, temperance societies, convalescent homes, etc., and by co-operation with these, she is often able to make them of use to her chronics and convalescents.

It can never be too strongly insisted upon that the district nurse should never be an almoner or dole giver, and as a social worker she should have a distrust of all methods that tend to pauperise her people. It is sometimes said that anybody can be a district nurse, and that much training is not required. This afternoon's discussion will show that the district nurse requires not less, but even more training than the hospital nurse, for she is more often thrown entirely on her own resources, and obliged to depend on her own skill, ingenuity, and presence of mind. In fact, the better educated, the better trained, the more capable the district nurse is, the more she is able to follow intelligently the current events and economic questions of the day, and realise her responsibility, not to the patient only, but to the State.

A most important and satisfactory point in connection with the scheme inaugurated by Lady Dudley is that all the nurses employed are thoroughly trained Queen's Nurses. Their work has proved invaluable in the most isolated districts on the West Coast of Ireland, a fact which disproves the contention of the supporters of the Holt-Ockley method that highly trained nurses are unsuited for district work.

Our Guinea Prize.

We have pleasure in announcing that our Guinea Prize for August has been won by Miss A. B. Slater, 29, Tournay Road, Fulham, S.W.

KEY TO PRIZE PUZZLES.

- No. 1.—King's Cooked Oatmeal.
Kings Cook E D Oat-meal
No. 2.—Frame Food.
Frame F O od
No. 3.—Droitwich Cure.
D row it witch C ewer
No. 4.—Lysol.
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The following competitors have also solved the puzzles correctly:—

Miss A. L. Ross, Bryansford; Miss N. Longley, York; Nurse M. Mallott, Brighton; Mrs. Laborda, Stroud Green; Mrs. F. Longley, Kingscote; Miss Jessie Green, Reading; Miss N. Crane, Bishopsgate, E.C.; Miss E. McLernon, Brighton; Miss J. Reston, Dalry; Nurse Burghes, Southampton; Miss G. Williams, Dolgelly; Miss F. Buckingham, Ruthin; Miss A. Symonds, Tottenham; Miss M. Whitworth, Maidstone; Miss M. Cooke, East Malling; Miss E. S. Sills, Barrowby; Miss M. Cohillock, South Shields; Miss B. D. Scott, Edinburgh; Miss E. A. Allison, High Wycombe; Miss Helen Lord, Kensington; Miss E. Rawcliffe, Upper Holloway; Nurse Thomas, Llanfair; Miss E. Dinnie, West Malling; Miss Rosetta Ward, Leicester; Mrs. Smellie, Dumfries; Miss E. H. L. Dowd, Dublin; Miss S. S. Sherring, West Derby; Miss M. Modlin, Brixton; Miss R. Conway, Southport; Miss M. McWilliams, Omagh; Miss M. Walker, Worcester; Miss M. Weller, Ripon; Miss J. Holloway, Exminster; Miss A. Taylor, Malvern; Miss M. J. Sheridan, Trim; Miss G. Cameron, Ventnor; Miss E. Spencer, Pewsey; Miss F. Sheppard, Leicester; Miss M. M. Lenton, Acton; Miss Emily Bartlett, Bath; Miss C. L. Barker, Bath; Nurse Eliza, North Ormsby; and Mrs. Sheard, Chislehurst.

The following competitors have solved three out of the four puzzles correctly:—

Miss A. Kemp, Upper Walmer; Miss Jackson-Bennett, Edinburgh; Miss A. B. Curtis, Bourne-mouth; Mrs. Arthur, Slough; Nurse Oliver, Sutherland; Miss A. E. Tunnard, Hull; Miss Wood, Tunbridge Wells; Miss R. Kreckler, Birkdale; Miss G. Smart, Cork; Mrs. Rhodes, Hulme, Manchester; Mrs. Shoemith, Durham; Miss K. Lyne, Reading.

Will competitors always remember to endorse the envelopes containing their solutions of the puzzles with the words "Puzzle Prize." Several have omitted to do so this month, with the result that the envelopes were opened on arrival and the senders thus disqualified for the prize.

The new set of prize puzzles will be found on page xii. The rules remain the same.

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