

“principal” officers, the *Lancet* desires to see the heads of the nursing departments deprived of status, so that in the absence of the Medical Superintendent the Matron will be subordinate to his substitute, the assistant medical officer, when left in charge.

The condition of the Metropolitan Fever Hospitals before the advent of the trained and educated Matron was disastrous in the extreme, so far as the discipline of the female staff was concerned, and resulted in neglect and suffering of the patients. It is a pity the medical press cannot take an impersonal and liberal view of nursing questions generally.

Our Guinea Prize.

We have pleasure in announcing that our Guinea Prize for November has been won by Miss A. Thomas, Matron, Park Fever Hospital, Hither Green, S.E.

KEY TO PRIZE PUZZLES.

No. 1.—Liebig's Oxo.

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No. 2.—Scott's Emulsion.

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No. 3.—Medical Supply hot water bottles.

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No. 4.—Jeyes' Disinfectant Cyllin.

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The following competitors have also solved the puzzles correctly:—M. Arnold, Bangor; M. Cockle, Brixton; M. H. Close, Tulse Hill; F. W. Pritchard, Brixton; S. Lewes, Brighton; E. Gibson, Acton; C. Lawson, Aberdeen; E. H. L. Dowd, Dublin; C. Martin, Leicester; M. Foster, Manchester; V. Lawrie, London; T. C. Long, Belfast; R. Rose, Inverness; G. Todd, London; W. Wade, Dover; S. Macdonald, Edinburgh; Nurse Phillips, Weston-super-Mare; F. E. Buckingham, Ruthin; H. Lord, Kensington; Miss Walker, Southport; R. Wood, Hayle; E. Goodrich, Leicester; E. Lawson, Edinburgh; A. Symonds, Tottenham; L. Davies, Atherstone; S. A. Holdcroft, Tunstall; H. M. Garwood, London; S. Dunn, Limerick; C. Moss, Salisbury; Nurse Harris, Leicester; Nurse Rennie, Woking; A. Terry, Birmingham.

Competitors appear to have found last month's puzzles very difficult to judge from the large number of wrong replies sent in.

However 70 competitors guessed three out of the four puzzles correctly, substituting “fluid” for “Cyllin” in No. 4.

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

Irish Nursing News.

THE OPENING OF THE NURSES CLUB ROOM BELFAST.

FROM A CORRESPONDENT.

On Monday afternoon the 25th November the Executive Committee of the Ulster branch of the Irish Nurses' Association, of which Lady Hermione Blackwood is President, invited all the members to tea on the occasion of the opening of our new club-room. Since the formation of our branch nearly two years ago the possession of a club-room has been a much cherished desire, so that there has been some pleasant excitement amongst the members since it was known that a suitable room had been secured and was in course of preparation. The invitation was from 3 to 8, as it was hoped that these long hours would give all the members a chance of an off-duty time when they could avail themselves of the opportunity of seeing their new headquarters. There was a steady stream of visitors all the afternoon, over 100 nurses and their friends looking in, so that the lift attendant and the tea servers were kept extremely busy. It was a great pleasure to the members that their President was able to be with them. It is to her that they owe the formation of their branch, and she has always been keenly interested in the establishment of a club-room.

The club-room is in Cranes Buildings, Wellington Place, Belfast, a very central position, which was noted with approval. It is to be opened daily from 10 a.m. till 8 p.m.; tea can be had there, and papers and writing materials are provided. A Secretary will be in constant attendance, so that letters and parcels can be sent or left there. The room is prettily decorated in pale green and white, and the armchairs are upholstered in a bright flowered chintz. Over the mantelpiece hangs a beautiful photograph of Florence Nightingale, who is, of course, the patron saint of every Nurses' Club. Our indefatigable Hon. Sec., Miss Workman, to whom the success of our Branch is greatly due, and who has had much hard work lately interviewing painters, agents, etc., must have felt rewarded when she saw how pretty and attractive the room she found us looked, and how much we admired it. I believe we have to thank her also for the gift of the telephone which stands by the door. We were glad to see on the notice board the answer received by our President from the L.G.B. in answer to the Resolution we sent them lately regarding the M.A.B. Matrons. We have received a very courteous reply, though it does not give us much information. Amongst our guests were the Dowager Lady Dufferin, Mrs. Robinson, the Dean of Belfast's wife, Mrs. Cecil Shaw, and some of the medical men who have at various times been good enough to lecture to our Branch. We hear that we are to have a debate on Women's Suffrage, as soon after Christmas as possible, and as the services of a very good proposer and opponent have been received we expect to have an amusing and interesting debate that evening.

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