

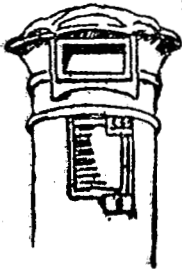
Coming Events.

April 10th.—Meeting of the General Council of the Royal British Nurses' Association, 5 p.m., 17, Old Cavendish Street, W.

April 14th.—The Lord Chief Justice of England will preside at the King's College Hospital Annual Festival Dinner.

April 16th.—Ball, under the patronage of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, in aid of the funds of the Victoria Hospital, Folkestone, at the Town Hall.

April 22nd.—Anniversary Festival of the British Orphan Asylum. The Right Hon. Lord Rothschild in the chair.



Letters to the Editor.

Notes, Queries, &c.

Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not in ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.

TRAINING IN CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

MADAM,—I have been much interested in reading the opinions of the Matrons and Sisters who have been good enough to reply to my letter of the 7th ult., and am glad to find that they, one and all, support the views held by my late Matron on the importance of adult training for any Nurse trained in a Children's Hospital before she is justified in considering herself a "thoroughly trained" Nurse. I find upon inquiry that nearly every Matron of a Children's Hospital really interested in the training of her Probationers advises them to enter a General Hospital, after they have completed their term of training under her superintendence. These little discussions on professional points in the RECORD are of the utmost value to those of us who live away from London and busy centres, and where it is often impossible for us to consult with experienced Matrons. I greatly enjoyed the correspondence on "Sisters' Sitting-Rooms."

Yours very truly,
SISIER LOUISE.

THE OPERATING THEATRE.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—There has of late been a good deal of discussion, and also some ruffled feathers, relating to service in the operating theatre. In this Hospital new rules have been issued concerning attendance in the theatre, and there is a difference of opinion concerning them. I know quite well you will advise obedience, but here things are not as they are in quite modern Hospitals, and the suggestions of a Nursing Committee entirely composed of men may not, after all, be infallible. Any way, it would be very interesting to know what system had proved the best for the patients and Nurses from the experience of those Matrons and Sisters working in the leading

training schools; and I venture to hope, therefore, that you will be good enough to insert my letter in the next issue of your most valuable and interesting journal. As one of the members of the Royal British Nurses' Association, allow me to express my gratitude to you, and those associated with you in the conduct of the NURSING RECORD, for its invariable support of truth and justice for Nurses, and also to the support it gives to all that makes for our professional progress and efficiency.

I am, dear Madam,
Yours truly,

A THEATRE SISTER.

[Might we ask the Matrons of some of our large Hospitals to be good enough to explain to our readers the arrangements made for the nursing of patients and education of the Nurses in the operating theatre in the Institutions to which they are attached?—Ed.]

NURSING IN IRELAND.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

MADAM,—I note what "Mercy and Truth" says on the above subject in your last number. With her, I think there has been much exaggeration as to the conditions under which the Nurses in Dublin Hospitals work. But, considering the correspondence and statements which have been for some time appearing in the Irish newspapers, it seems a pity that no effort appears to have been made by any of the leading medical men or Hospital authorities to clear up the matter, and show that the accusations so repeatedly made are groundless.

Quite recently a very accurate and credible friend informed me that she had seen some Nurses in an Irish Workhouse Infirmary taking their dinner. There was no cloth on the table, and the Nurses were eating their food—meat and vegetables—with their fingers, because no knives and forks were provided. She states at the same Institution the inmates of the Workhouse and the convalescents from the Infirmary ate their food at long wooden tables, and at intervals the wood was hollowed out to form a receptacle for food. These formed the plates, and the inmates tore at their food with teeth and fingers, because no knives and forks were given.

Believe me,
Yours sincerely,
ESMERALDA.

USE AND ABUSE OF UNIFORM.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

MADAM,—There is no question that some Nurses regard their uniform as a kind of "fancy dress," and this was surely the frame of mind which induced the Probationer, of whom "A Hospital Governor" complains, to go to the Empire in the indoor uniform of one of the most respected of our London Hospitals. To a woman who trains as a Nurse "because it's so dull at home," or because "Hospital life is such fun," her uniform must always appear to her rather in the light of a costume such as she would don for "amateur theatricals." She was, on the face of it, a very shallow-minded young person, and "wanted to create a sensation." I don't suppose she succeeded in anything but in convincing the audience at the Empire that she was a person of very bad taste. But I certainly think the Matron of the Hospital to which she belongs should be

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