

Coming Events.

July 8th.—Children's Fair in Flowerland. Highbury Athenæum, Highbury New Park. In aid of the London School Nurses' Society. 4 to 7 p.m.

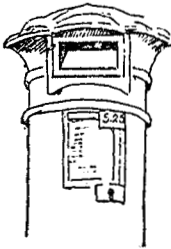
July 10th to 15th inclusive.—London County Council Technical Education Board. Central School of Arts and Crafts, 316, Regent Street, W. Exhibition of Students' Work, 12 to 8.30 p.m.

July 17th.—The Duchess of York opens the New Nurses' Home of Queen Charlotte's Lying-in Hospital, Marylebone Road.

July 18th.—Viscount and Viscountess Knutsford distribute prizes to the students and nursing probationers of the London Hospital Medical College in the Library, 4.15.

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.

A KINDLY INVITATION.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

MADAM,—Miss Browne is at present on leave, but two of the nursing sisters will be very pleased to be "At Home" any day next week to any of the Congress visitors who would like to be shown this hospital.

I am, Madam, yours truly,
A. GARRIOCK, Sister, A.N.S.

Herbert Hospital, Woolwich, S.E.
1st July, 1899.

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

To the Editor of the "Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—I was present at the Conference of the Matrons' Council at 20, Hanover Square, on Saturday last, and I write to say how glad I was to hear your suggestion for the formation of an International Council of Nurses. In the first place, because it seems to be exactly what the Nursing Profession needs at the present time; and in the second, because we know well that anything initiated by yourself will be carried out on broad and liberal lines, and will be for the benefit of the Nursing Profession. We were sure of it in days gone by, but we have now added to our conviction the fact that we have proved it. When you founded the British Nurses' Association, we joined it because of our confidence in you, being sure that it would be an organization for our benefit. Worked as you planned it to be, it certainly was this. Later, when less wise counsels prevailed, we watched with admiration your splendid defence of the rights and liberties of trained nurses; and so, now, we are ready, as we never were before, to follow your lead in the

direction of professional organization. It appears to me that we shall now find the value of your work in connection with the Royal British Nurses' Association, because we shall benefit by the experience of the last twelve years, and go forward to success, having learnt the lessons of the past.

Thanking you for all that you have done for nurses and nursing organization in the past, and with the utmost confidence in the future,

I am, yours gratefully,
AN OLD PUPIL.

A QUESTION OF TRAINING.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—I read with interest the letter of "Disappointed" in last week's RECORD. I really think that the training schools should be required to conform to a certain minimum standard, otherwise it is not fair upon members of the public who, in all good faith, enter, or let their daughters enter, a school professing to give a thorough general education only to find later that the training they have received does not qualify them to fill subsequently many positions which they would like to hold in the nursing world. It seems to me that committees of hospitals should realize their responsibilities to the public in this matter. It is not fair that the "reciprocity should be all on one side," the pupil giving, the institution receiving, and not considering that it has a duty to perform to the woman who offers her services on the condition that she receive what she compacts for, namely a training which will qualify her for a subsequent professional career. Could not something be done to bring this point of view before those responsible for the training of nurses?

Yours faithfully,
JUSTICE.

AN OUTSIDE POINT OF VIEW.

To the Editor of the "Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—I should like to say, as one of the general public how much I have enjoyed the meetings on nursing subjects held during the International Congress of Women, and especially that of the Matrons' Council last Saturday. It was indeed a pleasure to see and hear so many of the eminent women nurses of whom we have read in the RECORD. What struck me perhaps more than anything, was the all-round capabilities of the nurse. She can write, she can speak, she can not only manage her patients and subordinate nurses, but she can superintend in detail the household work of the large home of which she stands at the head. It seems to me that there are few men who could satisfactorily perform the multifarious duties which fall to her lot. Well, if there is nothing else I have learned in the Congress, I have learned this—that men may talk of the influence of women for good (a fact patent to the world), but with that influence, women, whether nurses or otherwise, must demand power to control their own affairs, and to assist in controlling the affairs of our great nation. Then their influence, pure, refining and good will be not only admitted but will be a factor with which men will have to deal and to respect,

Yours truly,
A WOMAN WHO WANTS HER VOTE.

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