

## Coming Events.

*May 4th.*—Annual Meeting of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses at the Medical Society's Rooms, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London, W. 3 p.m.

### AGENDA.

1. Minutes.
2. Address by the Chairman, Miss Isla Stewart.
3. To receive the Annual Report and Audited Accounts.
4. To consider, and if thought advisable to adopt, recommendations from the Executive Committee (1) altering the originally proposed Constitution of the General Nursing Council in the Bill of this Society for the Registration of Trained Nurses, and (2) in regard to the introduction of the Bill into Parliament.
5. To consider the following Resolution:—  
 "That a petition to the Prime Minister be drawn up and circulated for signatures, asking that the Bill for the State Registration of Trained Nurses may be made a Government Measure."
6. To consider the following Resolution:—  
 "That the cordial congratulations of the Society be conveyed to the German Nurses' Association on the attainment of State Registration of Trained Nurses in the German Empire, and especially congratulating the President of the Association, Sister Agnes Karll, on the success of her invaluable work in this connection."
7. To consider a letter from Miss Edith Palliser, Secretary of the Central Society for Women's Suffrage, and if thought advisable to nominate delegates to take part in the Deputation to the Prime Minister on May 19th on the subject of Women's Suffrage. Supported by Lady Roberts Austen, Vice-President.
8. Other business.

ETHEL G. FENWICK, Hon. Sec.

Tea and Coffee after the meeting at 431, Oxford Street, W.; where all present are cordially invited to adjourn.

*May 5th.*—The Princess Royal lays the Foundation Stone of the new East Wing of the Bolingbroke Hospital, Wandsworth Common. 3.30.

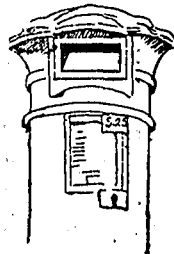
*May 9th.*—View Day at St. Bartholomew's Hospital—Inspection by the Treasurer, Lord Ludlow, and Governors.

*May 10th.*—Princess Henry of Battenberg presents at the Portman Rooms, at 5 p.m., the St. John Ambulance Challenge Shield and prizes to the successful teams in the final heats of the railway competition.

*May 14th-May 23rd inclusive.*—Sale of genuine old bric-à-brac to aid poor gentlewomen, 14, Brook Street, Bond Street, W. (by the kind permission of the Proprietor of the Brook Street Art Gallery), 11-7.

## 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.*

### BIBLEWOMEN AND NURSES' MISSION.

To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."

DEAR MADAM,—“In London to-day we are facing conditions and circumstances which have never before existed in the history of the world.” So wrote Bishop Creighton, adding: “The claim of Christianity lies in the fact that it is the most complete explanation of life, and supplies the means of living the life set forth.”

For nearly fifty years the workers of the London Biblewomen and Nurses' Mission have been visiting from house to house and offering this key of life to those who have lost their way amidst poverty and sin, and again and again the doors of the spirit have been opened, the springs of character touched, and, for the individual, the social problem has been solved.

Founded in 1857 by the late Mrs. Ranyard (L.N.R.), author of “The Book and its Story,” and affiliated to the British and Foreign Bible Society, the Biblewomen have ever sought to place the Bible in the hands of the people, and to bring home its teaching by their gentle, womanly influence. They are carefully trained in a variety of ways, and are superintended from the centre, working under the clergy and ministers in eighty-five London districts. They are in touch with Relief Committees, the Charity Organisation, and other societies, and take an active part in all kinds of religious, social and temperance work and in clubs for boys and girls.

In 1868 district nurses were added to the mission in order that—in Mrs. Ranyard's terse phrase—“hospital work might be undertaken outside all hospitals,” and this in days when such work was practically unknown, with the exception of the East London Nursing Society, which started in the same year. One of the earliest donors to the fund was Florence Nightingale.

From that time to this steady progress has been made, and the short hospital training of early days has been increased to an extent which amply satisfies modern standards. The efficiency of the Sisters and nurses, who number sixty-eight, is now fully recognised, and the nursing branch is one of the institutions which the Hospital Sunday Fund intends to assist with grants.

The ideal of the nursing branch is a trained efficiency united to a sense of Christian vocation.

A convalescent home, receiving three hundred guests each year from districts in which Biblewomen and nurses are at work, a hostel for the training of candidates, and a small home of rest for workers also form part of the mission, and in common with

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