

COMING EVENTS.

January 20th.—Central Midwives Board. Hearing of Penal Cases, Caxton House, S.W. 11.30 a.m.

January 21st.—Monthly Meeting of Central Midwives Board, Caxton House, S.W. 3.30 p.m.

January 27th.—Women's Local Government Society. Drawing Room Meeting at 16, Carlton House Terrace, by permission of the Lady Cowdray. Addresses on "The Care of the Mentally Defective under the Mental Deficiency Act, 1913" (Miss Evelyn Fox), and "Married Master and Matrons under the Poor Law" (Miss Lidgett, P.L.G.). 3 p.m.

January 29th.—Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland. Annual Meeting. 431, Oxford Street, London, W. 4 p.m. Tea after the business meeting. Discussion, opened by Miss Mollett, on "Women and their work during the War." 5 p.m.

LECTURES TO HEALTH VISITORS AND SCHOOL NURSES.

A course of lectures, including demonstrations and practical inspections, will be given at the Royal Sanitary Institute, 90, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W., to Women Health Visitors, Tuberculosis Visitors, and School Nurses, beginning on Monday, February 1st.

All particulars can be obtained from the Office of the Royal Sanitary Institute, at the above address. The Course is one which is specially valuable to School Nurses, and visits are paid to, and demonstrations given, at places illustrative of Sanitary Practice and Administration.

LECTURES ON MILK.

A course of Ten Lectures on the Properties, Supply and Distribution of Milk will be delivered at the South-Western Polytechnic Institute, Manresa Road, Chelsea, S.W., on Thursday evenings, at 7.30 p.m., commencing on January 21st. As the subject is so important and legislation is now pending in the shape of the Pure Milk Bill, the course has been extended so as to include the main provisions of the Bill.

The Six Lectures on the Properties of Milk will be delivered by Professor A. Harden, D.Sc., F.R.S., of the Lister Institute, and the remaining four by Mr. Cecil Revis, A.C.G.I., F.C.S., Chief Chemist, Messrs. Welford & Sons, Ltd. Fee for the course, 2s. 6d.

A WORD FOR THE WEEK.

Think of the pride with which we all thrill at being chosen to suffer a certain amount of discomfort and risk in order to help forward a battle the result of which will be felt down the ages in this world, and spiritually—who knows?—in many other worlds. Just as a reverse for the Germans in Poland reacts definitely here, so a reverse for evil in this world may and will react on evil in other fields. We are all proud, and you angels at home are like the Spiritual Army Service Corps. Love and comfort flow out from you to us and keep up the morale, without which an army is more useless than without its food.

—A Soldier in the Trenches to his Mother.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

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.

DIFFERENT POINTS OF VIEW.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I heard of a hospital not long ago which was to be temporarily enlarged to receive sick and wounded, concerning which the local press announced that the nursing of the additional beds would be undertaken by the local V.A.D.'s "assisted by the matron and nursing staff." Modesty is not a virtue which the amateur nurse usually cultivates. If she did she would realise her ignorance and incapacity.

Yours truly,

SISTER.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—May I state my experience as the Matron of a Red Cross Hospital. I have a half and half staff, and I think it only just to say that I have much more trouble with the trained nurses than with the Red Cross Nurses? The former are always worrying to get to that everlasting "front," and are not interested in the light cases here admitted, whilst the Red Cross Nurses are all eager and in earnest, and willing to do anything. A few wished to teach me my various duties when first I came, but I am young and some of these ladies are well up in years, and have been managing their homes this long while. Anyway now they are obedient and kindly, and the Commandant quite amenable to reason.

Yours truly,

MATRON V.A.D. HOSPITAL.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—Can you tell me what is going to happen to the Nursing Profession after the War? So many of us have given up good permanent posts, and as we have to work in Territorial hospitals for a year, already our places are being filled up. And how about V.A.D.s? In many hospitals they are being taught by trained nurses. I have heard of several who mean to take this short cut into private nursing. I fear our affairs will take some readjusting when the War is over.

Yours sincerely,

TERRITORIAL NURSE.

[When the War is over! we shall all be so grateful nothing else will really matter. The world is wide, don't worry about the future. There will always be work for trained efficient nurses. Work for registration, as with legal status and a protected title you need not fear the competition of the unskilled.—ED.]

OUR PRIZE COMPETITION.

QUESTION.

January 23rd.—Discuss the management of a patient whose tongue has been excised?

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