

soldiers, and who cannot afford to do so, owing to prior claims, and with those who resent a monopoly of their work by Committees which have cut down their earning capacity to one-half of its market value. We propose, therefore, to prepare a list of thoroughly trained private nurses who desire to offer their services to the War Office at the usual rate of £2 2s. a week. See Editorial Article on "The Trained Nurses' Economic League," page 309.—ED.]

PROBATIONERS AND WAR HOSPITALS.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I beg to suggest that all probationers having had three months' ward training in the General Hospitals be allowed to serve for three to six months in the Military Hospitals, such time counting as part of the three or the four years' training, as the case may be. The Universities and Examining Boards allow students holding Dresserships in the Military Hospitals to count the time as part of their clinical instruction. The adoption of my suggestion with regard to nurses, therefore, brings the two branches of the profession into line; and, while the service would prove of great advantage to the sick and wounded, the experience gained by the probationers must add to their future efficiency.

Faithfully yours,

"SURGEON."

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CRIMINAL ASSAULTS ON CHILDREN.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—Whilst acknowledging a debt of deep gratitude to Miss Beatrice Kent for her touching article on this subject in your issue of the 3rd inst., may I venture to dissent from her assertion (which has been made by other writers in other journals) that "this supreme evil is on the increase"? Careful, dispassionate investigation and questioning of those most likely to know, lead rather to the conclusion that more cases are brought to light than formerly and that the public conscience (though dull and callous still) has been rendered more sensitive to this vile evil. Experienced workers tell me that, although more cases are dealt with and brought to—what, alas! one cannot always call justice—there is a strong probability that the yearly number of offences has not increased and may have lessened. It is necessary also to distinguish between "indecent" and "criminal" assault. But in spite of such loopholes of hope the actual happenings are terrible enough and should come as a clarion call to Women. But as the best work for humanity should be done by Men and Women side by side, the Committee is a joint one, nor did it owe its origin to any particular Woman's Society. Rather does it look for co-operation from all who love the children of their country and who in

many cases have already done such lasting work in exposing this ghastly wrong.

Yours truly,

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COMING EVENTS.

April 15th.—Central Midwives' Board, Monthly Meeting, Caxton House, Tothill Street, Westminster, S.W. 3.30 p.m.

April 20th.—The British Red Cross Society and the St. John Ambulance Association. Guildhall Meeting in support of the work. 3 p.m.

April 21st.—Address by Miss E. M. Pye on the Friends' War Victim Relief Expedition, Institute of Hygiene, Lantern Slides. 8 p.m.

April 23rd.—Guy's Hospital Nurses' League, Annual Dinner. 7 p.m. Annual Meeting, 8 p.m. Nurses' Home, Guy's Hospital, S.E.

April 28th.—Nurses' Missionary League. Annual Conference and Meeting. Morning, 9.45 to 12.30. Afternoon, 2.30 to 5. Evening, 7.0 to 9.30. University Hall, Gordon Square, W.C.

May 1st.—Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland. Quarterly Meeting. 431, Oxford Street, London, W. 4 p.m. Miss Violetta Thurstan will speak on "Field Hospital and Flying Column." 5 p.m.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS.

April 24th.—Describe the various kinds of fractures, and their complications.

May 1st.—Describe fully what help in diagnosis can be obtained from (a) the colour of a patient's face, (b) expression, (c) the eyes, (d) position assumed.

NOTICES.

Don't fail to read this week's editorial article.

We have received from Miss Scamell and Miss Bedingfield, of 55, Brompton Road, a copy of a correspondence between them and the Incorporated Society of Trained Masseuses, which will be published in our next issue. We are also compelled to hold over several letters of interest.

Candidates for the French Flag Nursing Corp, from the country can be interviewed by arrangement with Lady Barclay, 60, Nevern Square, London, S.W. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick will be at 431, Oxford Street, W., on Friday, April 16th, and Monday, April 19th, from 2.30 to 5 p.m., to interview candidates. Candidates must be well educated and hold a three years' certificate of training. Fever experience is a great advantage. Nurses speaking French are preferred.

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