

## COMING EVENTS.

May 20th to 22nd.—General Lying-in Hospital, York Road, S.E. Third Post-Graduate Week for Midwives.

May 20th to 22nd.—Eighth Annual Nursing and Midwifery Exhibition, Royal Horticultural Hall, Westminster, S.W.

May 21st.—Association of Inspectors of Midwives: Annual Meeting, Royal Horticultural Hall, Vincent Square, Westminster. Morning Session, 11.0 a.m.; Afternoon Session, 2.30 p.m.

May 26th.—Trained Women Nurses' Friendly Society: Annual Meeting, 431, Oxford Street, London, W. 5.0 p.m.

May 26th.—Central Midwives Board. Caxton House, Westminster. Penal Board 11.30 a.m.

May 27th.—Central Midwives Board. Caxton House, Westminster. Penal Board 11.30 a.m. Monthly Meeting 3.30 p.m.

May 27th.—St. John's House Nurses' League: General Meeting, St. John's House, 12, Queen's Square, Bloomsbury. 3 p.m.

## CONFERENCE DAY, JUNE 17th, 1915.

A Day's Conference, convened by the National Council of Trained Nurses, will be held on June 17th; at the Rooms of the Medical Society, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London, W. The Morning Session will be devoted to Papers on the "Duty of the Trained Nurse in War," when a Resolution on the State Registration of Trained Nurses will be submitted, and the need for a Trained Nurses' Economic League will be discussed.

Mrs. Walter Spencer has most kindly invited those attending the morning session to luncheon at 2, Portland Place, W.

At 3 p.m. the Afternoon Session will open, the Papers to be grouped under the heading of "The Place of the Imperial Mother in Peace and War."

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, the President, will give the opening address on "A Scheme for Social Service in relation to the Soldier: (a) Scientific Domestic Management; (b) Personal Hygiene; and (c) Preventive Nursing." Each of these Sections of Service will be subdivided, and supported by experts.

Before the Meeting closes, Mrs. Fenwick will propose the organization of a new secular Order of Sisters, to make it possible for women of the nation to perform their duty in relation to the Navy and Army in peace and war.

Tickets (free) for the Conference can be obtained at 431, Oxford Street, London, W.

BEATRICE CUTLER, *Hon. Secretary.*

## WORD FOR THE WEEK.

Sow good services; sweet remembrances will grow from them.—*Madame de Staël.*

When the power of doing well is equal to the will,

The soul desires no other Heaven.

—*Percy Bysshe Shelley.*

## 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.*

## MORE TRAINED NURSES NEEDED.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I have read—and read again—the fourth paragraph on page 363 of your paper for May 1st, and cannot but think that the Commandant acted wisely in placing the trained nurses on night duty, especially if there was no resident doctor or other male official.

The sick are often cases of acute pneumonia; the wounded have need of a dresser; and a good nurse has ample scope for doing much that is desirable for the benefit of the institution; and now that the evenings are long and the day dawn is so early, it takes more than an inexperienced youthful lady to control and satisfy a considerable number of invalided men.

Pardon me, please, for writing, but your paragraph made me thoughtful.

Yours truly,

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[We quite endorse our correspondent's view that patients require much nursing at night, but if there are only two trained nurses, then certainly one should be on day duty and one on night duty—and we think this should be explicitly stated to Commandants by the War Office, as these officers are usually untrained and have no knowledge of nursing requirements.—Ed.]

## THE MARKET VALUE OF SKILLED NURSING.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—It is no use discussing the market value of skilled nursing in England. Anybody can play battledore and shuttlecock with our prices. We must all go as we please, and the devil take the hindmost, until we have legal status; that is the lesson E. M. Parker makes quite plain in her letter last week. In this country we subsist on patronage; in New Zealand, a People's Parliament governs, and looks after the interest of the community as a whole.

Yours, &c.,

A NEW ZEALAND TRAINED NURSE.

## NO NATIONALITY IN NURSING.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I fear you are a little sanguine concerning the feeling of German nurses towards our wounded—or indeed towards English people. I have recently had reported to me in this office that a nurse purporting to be of Swiss nationality (but suspected now of being German) rejoiced openly at a private case at the sinking of the *Lusitania*,

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