

COMING EVENTS.

November 21st.—Central Midwives Board Meeting, Queen Anne's Gate Buildings, S.W.

November 23rd.—National Union of Trained Nurses. Meeting to discuss the proposed Ministry of Health. Speakers: Dr. Salceby and Miss H. L. Pearse. Chair, the Rev. H. R. L. Sheppard, 3, Vere Street, Oxford Street, W. 2.30 p.m.

November 29th.—Annual Meeting of the Grand Council of the National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland, 431, Oxford Street, London, W. 4 p.m.

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.

A GREAT NATIONAL DANGER.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

MADAM,—In view of the rapidly changing European situation the immediate internment of all persons of enemy blood, naturalised or unnaturalised, and the removal of all such persons from every Government and public office becomes a matter of the most urgent necessity, for these people, active in time of war on behalf of their own country, will be doubly active as peace approaches. Their influence will be used, with all its subtlety and persistence, to operate in favour of every step which will be advantageous to Germany in the coming critical months, and unless drastic steps are taken to eliminate this influence, Great Britain and her Allies lie open to the danger of a moderate policy towards the Central Powers, which will lead to a negotiated peace with the enemies of civilisation.

Yours truly,

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[No class of the community realises this danger more than we nurses do. It has been brought home to us in a very intimate manner. So long as persons of enemy blood are free and have patronage and money to distribute the danger is very real—amongst those in whom self-interest is the paramount instinct.—ED.]

NOT A NATIONAL FUND.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—Can you inform me whether the Nation's Tribute Fund for Nurses is giving any portion of the money subscribed to it to the Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund or any such old-established society for the benefit of nurses?

I am frequently asked the question and have been unable to give an answer.

Yours faithfully,

A SUBSCRIBER.

[We have no knowledge of how this Fund is distributed. Its Committee is in no sense national,

and is in the hands of a few unrepresentative women who have absolutely no right either to appeal for, or to distribute charity in the name of the Nursing Profession. We should advise you to communicate with the London County Council, which body is responsible for having registered this fund as a "war charity" under the War Charities Act, the regulations of which the Committee constantly ignore.—ED.]

A GRIEVOUS LOSS.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—It is with great sorrow that we communicate to you the death of our beloved and highly esteemed member, Jeanne van Lanschot Hubrecht.

After a short illness of only ten days we lost her, who has done so much for our organisation. We hope that the ties between your organisation and ours, which were kept strong mainly through her influence, will not be suffered to relax.

For the Board of Nosokomos,

C. LIGTELIJN,

First Secretary.

[We deeply regret to receive this sad news as we go to press, and shall refer to the work of this leading Dutch nurse in our next issue.—ED.]

KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

A Matron writes:—"Some of your readers appear to think that all Matrons join the College from choice, and approve its policy. I can assure you this is not so; but my lay Committee were very nasty because I preferred not to join, and I was prepared to resign if pressure was put on me to do so, and make my reasons public. Most of the Matrons in this town have done as they were 'advised,' as they do not want to lose their posts. They have never seen the Constitution—anything for peace!"

Irish Matron writes:—"I am glad you exposed the scandalous gamble on the Stock Exchange here, to make money in the name of the Nation's Tribute to Nurses. Recently Major General Fry inspected aeroplane workers and shell workers in a pageant symbolical of women's work in the war in aid of the Nation's Tribute to Nurses, which was held in Viscount Iveagh's grounds, Dublin. Personally, I cannot see why industrial workers should be utilized to raise money for professional women like trained nurses, and have several letters from Irish nurses protesting against this form of charity. It is no use arguing that all this begging does not lower our status—it does."

OUR PRIZE COMPETITION.

QUESTIONS.

November 23rd.—What precautions would you take if nursing a case of septic pneumonia following influenza?

November 30th.—What do you know of "mustard gas" burns and their treatment?

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