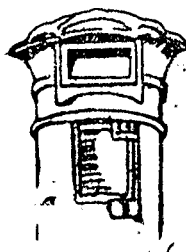


November 11th.—Inspection and Demonstration at L.C.C. Common Lodging House, Parker Street, Drury Lane, at 3 p.m. (number limited), conducted by Mr. Frank Ruddle, of the Estates and Valuation Department of the London County Council.

November 26th.—First Sessional Lecture, Royal British Nurses' Association, 17, Old Cavendish Street. "A Demonstration of the present stage of the application of the Röntgen Rays to Surgical Diagnosis," by Mr. Isenthal.

A course of six lectures on Sanitation and Household Hygiene will be given at Newington Green School House, Church Path, Newington Green, N., by Miss Homersham (Associate of the Sanitary Institute), on Monday afternoons, at four o'clock, commencing on November 16th, 1896. *November 16th.*—Lecture I. The House. Situation, soil, aspect, construction, foundations, elevation, decoration. Tickets for the course, 5s., may be obtained from Mrs. Pritchard, 3 Pond Street, Hampstead; Miss Titford, 42, Petherton Road, N.; Mr. A. C. Smith, 134, Petherton Road, N.; Mrs. Turner, The Grange, Paradise Row, Stoke Newington; Mrs. Wooding, 173, Amhurst Road, Dalston; Miss M. Pritchard, 11, Highbury Crescent, N.



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.

THE REGISTRATION OF MENTAL NURSES.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—I have been waiting, hoping to see something in the RECORD concerning a very significant passage which occurs as follows in the report of the General Council Meeting of the 16th October.

"Dr. Wood read the Report of a sub-Committee appointed to confer on the desirability of mental Nurses, as such, being admitted to Registration and membership of the Association. Briefly, the Committee suggested that Nurses who had been working for three years in recognised Asylums of more than forty beds, or for two years in Asylums and one year in a General Hospital, and who possessed such certificates of professional knowledge and personal character as the Registration Board from time to time required, should be admitted to Registration and Membership."

Surely it is not possible that the Regulation which has been in force since the short term of grace expired years ago, that each Nurse registered must have at least one year's training in a General Hospital containing over forty beds is to be again relaxed and persons admitted on to our Register of *Trained Nurses*, who have never had a day's experience in a Hospital in their lives.

This is indeed a most serious question for us Nurses,

and one to which we must have an answer before it is too late. If such a suggestion were carried out would effect immense commercial damage to us who are engaged in Private Nursing, and be an outrageous act of injustice to those Nurses—many of them really efficient—who have been refused Registration because they may not in the past have completed a full three years' term of training in Hospitals. Feeling sure that in spite of conduct on the part of the present Council—which makes one blush for one's fellow-members—you will help us if any attempt is made to injure trained Nurses as a class. I remain,

Yours gratefully,

A THOROUGHLY-TRAINED NURSE.

[We propose to deal with this question next week.—ED.]

LIBERTY OF CONSCIENCE.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

MADAM,—As a member of the Royal British Nurses' Association, I beg you will allow me a small space in your much-valued paper, the NURSING RECORD, for *this* is a time when I consider no true-hearted Nurse should keep silence, and I wish to utter my protest against the irregular and unjust acts so constantly taking place at the Council meetings.

But more especially am I writing to express the deep gratitude which I, and I am sure hundreds of my fellow-Nurses feel, to Dr. Bedford Fenwick for so bravely fighting our cause and the cause of honour and justice, and for submitting to such disgraceful and undeserved insults for our sakes. This must be realised more and more as time goes on. *Right* must prevail in the end, and the recent trial of "Breay versus Browne" is indeed a great example of Right over Might.

At the Council Meeting of October 16th, when Sir James Crichton-Browne obtained such a magnificent majority when he was, according to the Charter I believe illegally, re-elected as Vice-Chairman, it would be interesting to know how many of the votes came from the Middlesex Hospital and the Chelsea Workhouse Infirmary.

I have always taken the deepest interest in the Royal British Nurses' Association, though I have had the strongest objection to my name appearing in print, but this is not a time for silence when what we *thought* was our glorious *Nurses' Association*, seems now to be on the brink of failure and ruin.

Believe me, Madam,

Yours, &c.,

MARY BELLAMY,

M.R.B.N.A.

October 24th, 1896.

THE LOWEST DEPTHS.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—At last the Royal British Nurses' Association has descended to the very lowest depths of degradation, and the medical members who encouraged the ruling of the chair denying to Dr. Fenwick the right of reply to the attack made upon him by Sir James Crichton-Browne of an hour's length—have taken a most serious step, and placed themselves and their profession in a position which cannot be described as honourable. Is it possible that we Nurses can retain a

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