

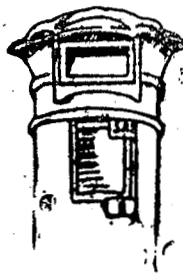
October 31st.—Inspection and Demonstration at Richmond Main Sewerage Works, Mortlake, at 3 p.m. Conducted by William Fairley, Assoc.M.Inst.C.E.

Special course of Lectures and Demonstrations on Ambulance and Sick Nursing every Thursday, at 3.30 p.m., until December 10th, at the Polytechnic, Regent Street, W.

Notice.

MEMBERS of the Matrons' Council who wish to communicate with the new Hon. Secretary, Miss Sophia Wingfield, can address her at 6, The Orchard, Bedford Park, London.

The first Conference will be held on Thursday, November 5th, at 8.30 p.m., at the Medical Society's Rooms, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square.



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 COLONIAL NURSING ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor of the "Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—I have only just seen your article on the Colonial Nursing Association in the number of October 3rd. I shall feel greatly obliged if you will kindly insert the following correction to a statement made in the latter part of it.

It is there stated, owing doubtless to some misapprehension of my real meaning, that the Nurses sent out by the Colonial Nursing Association "will not necessarily be fully-trained Nurses."

This is not the case, and may lead to great misunderstanding of the aims and intentions of the Association, which would not be likely to forward at great expense any but the most highly qualified persons.

The essential qualifications required of every Nurse engaged by the Colonial Nursing Association are as follows:—

Two years' training in a good Hospital or Infirmary, or one year's training at St. Thomas's, London, or Guy's as paying Probationer, with subsequent experience elsewhere. The Nurses must possess, in addition, the L.O.S. Diploma, or hold the Rotunda or Glasgow Maternity Certificate, with ample Monthly Nursing experience. From these requirements you will see that, although niceness and amiability are very desirable qualities in a Nurse, those engaged by the Colonial Nursing Association must also add a very complete and thorough training to these attributes.

I regret having led your correspondent into such

error by anything I may have said generally, and trust you will insert this correction at your earliest convenience.

I remain,

Dear Madam,

Very truly yours,
MABEL W. PIGGOTT,
Hon. Sec. C.N.A.

Imperial Institute, S.W.,
October 13th, 1896.

[We are pleased to insert this letter, but we can only reiterate our firm conviction that one year's training, wherever received, even if the Probationer has subsequent experience, is not sufficient qualification for a Nurse who is to be sent to the Colonies. In our opinion, a qualification of three years' training and certification is the lowest which should be required. The Nurses sent out must necessarily cost the Association a considerable sum before they reach their destination in the way of outfit, allowance, passage money, and so on; and so far as we have gathered from those who have worked abroad the Nurses who are needed are those of the highest stamp. If indifferently qualified Nurses are sent to the other side of the world, those responsible for them are placed in a position of considerable difficulty. Either the unsatisfactory workers must be sent home again, at so great an expense that this step is very rarely taken, or their patients are subjected to indifferently Nursing. The selection of Nurses possessed of the highest qualifications only appears to us to be imperative.—ED.]

PROGRESS.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—I am entirely in sympathy with the suggestion to form a Society of Trained Nurses to work for Legal Registration by Act of Parliament. I imagined when I paid my guinea to the Royal British Nurses' Association that that was the object of Registration; it seems I was mistaken.

Yours,
M.R.B.N.A.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

MADAM,—I quite agree that the sooner we set to work to form a Society of Nurses to obtain legal status by Act of Parliament, the better. I will gladly join.

MARION LONG,
Certificated Nurse.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—As an old member of the Royal British Nurses' Association, I was much interested in what you said about Nurses being affiliated for definite purposes—such as working for the Charter. If we had, as you suggest, something real to work for, I am sure we should value the Association much more. I used to be very angry in the old days, when fellow Nurses asked me, "What shall I get for my half-crown? But really now I begin to sympathise with them; and those new members who join now and do not live in London may well enquire what they get for their five shillings. As a social Metropolitan Club, and for private Nurses who can't make a connection for themselves, no doubt London Nurses may find the Association useful, but to country Nurses, now our

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