

BOOKLAND.

The first copy of *American Health*, the official organ of the American Health League, has reached us. It is published by the Committee of One Hundred on National Health, and the League has secured the support of a Press Council of 100 leading editors, and of the Authors' League, consisting of 1,000 prominent authors able and willing to create sentiment in favour of better health conditions, both personal and public. A Press Writers' League is also in process of organisation. All success to the new movement.

OPEN THE DOOR

"Open the door, let in the air;
The winds are sweet and the flowers are fair,
Joy is abroad in the world to-day;
If our door is wide it may come this way,
Open the door!"

"Open the door, let in the sun;
He hath a smile for every one.
He hath made of the raindrops gold and gems,
He may change your tears to diadems.
Open the door!"

COMING EVENTS.

April 28th—May 1st.—Nursing and Midwifery Conference and Exhibition, Cavendish Rooms, Mortimer Street, Regent Street, W. Applications for tickets should be made to the Organising Secretary, 32, Sackville Street, W. Free to nurses and midwives. 2.30—10.30 p.m.

April 28th.—Opening Day, Lecture, "Do Nurses and Midwives Encourage the Proper Feeding of Children after One Month," by Miss Constance Long, M.D., 8 p.m.

April 29th.—Lecture, "Cancer," by Dr. C. T. Nepean Longridge, 8 p.m.

April 30th.—Lecture, "The Country Midwife and her Future Relationship to the State," by Dr. E. B. Reckitt, 8 p.m.

May 1st.—Lecture, "Sanitation for Nurses," by Miss V. E. M. Bennett, M.B., 8 p.m.

THE SOCIETY FOR STATE REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES.—MAY 2ND.

The Annual Meeting of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses will be held at the Medical Society's Rooms, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London, W., on Saturday, May 2nd, at 4.30 p.m. Miss Isla Stewart will preside.

Agenda.

1. Minutes.
2. Address by the Chairman: "The Danger of Disorganisation."
3. To receive the Annual Report and Audited Accounts.
4. To elect the Executive Committee for the ensuing year.
5. To consider the following Resolutions:—

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I.

"That the members of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses in An-

nual Meeting assembled desire to express emphatic and determined opposition to the Bill "To Provide for the Establishment of an Official Directory of Nurses" recently introduced into the House of Lords, for the following reasons:

- (a) It has been privately promoted by the Central Hospital Council for London without consultation with the class for whom it is proposed to legislate.
- (b) It affords no guarantee of a nurse's efficiency to the public, as no minimum standard of professional knowledge is required.
- (c) It makes no provision for a Central Governing Body upon which trained nurses are represented, and which would maintain standards of education, and discipline, as required in the Bill promoted by this Society, and now before the House of Commons.

For these reasons this Society, consisting of over 2,000 Matrons and nurses, urgently petitions the members of the House of Lords to reject the Official Directory of Nurses Bill on its second reading.

II.

"This Meeting desires that a copy of the foregoing Resolution be sent to his Majesty's Ministers, to every member of the House of Lords, and that the Lord President of the Council be asked to receive a Deputation to convey to him the Resolution.

III.

"That the Executive Committee of the National Union of Women Workers be requested to place the following Resolution on the Agenda of the Annual Meeting of the National Council of Women of Great Britain and Ireland, to be held at Aberdeen in October next.

"That this National Council considers that it is desirable both in the interests of the professional status of trained nurses, and of the public who use their services, that provision should be made for their registration by the State; such registration to be under the supervision of a Central Board upon which nurses shall have direct and adequate representation.

6. Other Business.

ETHEL G. FENWICK,

Hon. Secretary.

May 7th.—Grand Concert in aid of the Shoreditch and Bethnal Green District Nursing Association, at the Shoreditch Town Hall, 8 p.m.

May 11th.—Opening of the Franco-British Exhibition, Shepherd's Bush, London, W.

A WORD FOR THE WEEK.

Do not get discouraged because we have a hard row to hoe. I like a real, hard, tough proposition. It is interesting to work on the hard problem. Any fellow can solve an easy one.

—BOOKER WASHINGTON.

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