

Coming Events.

July 16th.—The Royal Maternity Charity of London. Annual Summer Tea of the Nurses, Eustace Miles Restaurant, 40, Chandos Street, Charing Cross, W.C. 3 p.m.

July 17th.—Public meeting in support of the Nurses' Registration Bill. The Medical Society's Rooms, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W. Miss Isla Stewart in the chair. 8 p.m.

AGENDA.

To consider the following Resolutions:—
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I.

"That this meeting has learnt with deep satisfaction that the Nurses' Registration Bill has passed the second reading in the House of Lords, and begs to give its earnest support to the important principles embodied in the Bill.

"This meeting is of opinion that the following provisions are indispensable to the efficient organisation of trained nursing by the State. (1) That a central governing body should be established upon which trained nurses have direct and adequate representation, and through which they may maintain high moral standards, and professional efficiency. (2) That, before registration, trained nurses should be examined and certified by a central and independent Board.

"This meeting respectfully appeals to the Government to afford facilities for the consideration of a Nurses' Registration Bill in the House of Commons at the earliest possible date."

II.

"That in the opinion of this meeting a system of State Registration of Nurses, defining a minimum standard of training, to be followed by a central examination, conducted by an independent Board, would be of especial value to nurses in the Poor Law Infirmary Training Schools who have hitherto laboured at an undeserved disadvantage. Such a measure would tend to attract to this most important branch of the profession well educated and suitable candidates, and would do much to ensure the proper nursing of the sick poor in these institutions." *Proposed by Miss E. C. Barton, Matron, Chelsea Infirmary. Seconded by Miss H. Todd, Matron, Wandsworth and Clapham Infirmary.*

July 20th.—Princess Christian opens the Sanatorium for Consumption at Alltymynydd, Carmarthenshire.

July 21st.—The House of Lords discusses in Committee the Nurses' Registration Bill.

July 23rd.—Meeting, Central Midwives' Board, Caxton House, Westminster. 2.45 p.m.

A WORD FOR THE WEEK.

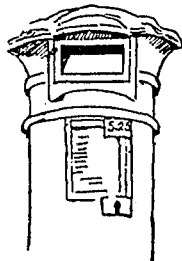
So take joy home,
And make a place in thy great heart for her.
And give her time to grow and cherish her,
Then will she come and oft will sing to thee,
When thou art working in the furrows;
Ay, or weeding in the sacred hour of dawn;
It is a comely fashion to be glad
Joy is the grace we say to God.

JEAN INGELow.

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.



OUR GUINEA PRIZE.

To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."

DEAR MADAM,—I beg to acknowledge with many thanks the cheque for one guinea. I was much surprised and pleased to find that I was the lucky one.

I am, yours faithfully,

The Institute, Bushmills. E. A. STUBBS.

SISTERS REQUIRED AT BEYROUT.

To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."

DEAR MADAM,—May I add a letter to the advertisement which will be found in this week's columns in order to explain matters, and to talk of my dreams. Those who will read the article which I have just written about the American training school will perhaps grasp the spirit I should like to animate the applicants who come—that of Miss Van Zandt.—[This interesting article will appear next week.—Ed.]

The Municipal Hospital is built on a hill in a new part of Beyrout, and commands a beautiful view of the sea and mountains. It consists at present of three pavilions, so that each sister will have charge of her own, and, to use the French term, will act as *surveillante*. I hope to turn it into a training school, so that teaching and lecturing will be part of their work. The doctors will speak either English or French, and will be either American, French, Syrians, or Turks.

There is an Anglo-American Church for Presbyterians or Nonconformists, the Church of England is close by, and those belonging to the Church of Rome have innumerable opportunities. There are golf links and a tennis club, and riding is within the means of many. The English community is small, but there are many Americans, and those speaking languages will not find any difficulties in making international friends, as there are many Europeans. Beyrout contains 150,000 inhabitants, is seven hours by rail from Damascus, at the foot of Mount Lebanon, and one day by sea and land from Jaffa and Jerusalem. The seasons are equivalent to English seasons except that they are warmer, and the summer longer. We get two mails a week from England and several from Egypt, bringing mails from India, etc. The Syrians are courteous, and their hospitality is positively Irish. Chosen candidates will be interviewed by a lady in London who knows the country well, and will gladly give all particulars.

Thanking you for your efforts in forming nursing into an international profession.

Yours faithfully and gratefully

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