

that these glorious explorers, who have marched on and ever upward through the night, will not be with us when, following in their footsteps, we step into the light. Strong, beautiful, motherly beings, we are grateful our eyes lighted upon them, that we touched their hands, and that we heard the music of their speech.

The National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies is arranging a Suffrage Demonstration week in London from Monday, November 7th, to Saturday, November 12th inclusive. All societies which advocate women's suffrage have been invited to cooperate, and the Women's Freedom League, the Conservative and Unionist Women's Franchise Association, the new Constitutional Society for Women's Suffrage (in combination with the National Industrial and Professional Women's Suffrage Society), and the Men's League have arranged public meetings. The Actresses' Franchise League are arranging a *matinée*, and it is proposed to hold a joint demonstration of all the co-operating societies in the Albert Hall on Saturday evening, November 12th. Mr. George Alexander has placed the St. James's Theatre at the disposal of the Conservative and Unionist Women's Franchise Association for their meeting on the afternoon of Tuesday, November 8th, at which Lady Selborne will preside, tickets for which can be obtained from the head office of the Association, 48, Dover Street, W.

COMING EVENTS.

October 28th.—Territorial Force Nursing Service. Meeting of Executive Committee, Mansion House, 3 p.m.

October 28th.—Meeting to consider a scheme for an Imperial Memorial to the late Miss Florence Nightingale, Grosvenor House, W. Admission by ticket, to be obtained from Hon. Secretary, 21, Little Welbeck Street, Cavendish Square, London, W., 3 p.m.

November 1st.—Nurses' Missionary League. Lecture: "Work in a Home and Foreign Hospital Contrasted," by Miss C. F. Tippet, Shomsi, N. China. University Hall, Gordon Square, W.C., 10.30 a.m.

November 1st.—Memorial to the late Miss Florence Nightingale. First Meeting of Committee, Grand Committee Room, St. Thomas's Hospital, S.W. 3.30 p.m.

November 1st to 5th.—Cookery and Food Exhibition, Royal Horticultural Hall, S.W. Nurses' Invalid Trays on view on 3rd and 4th prox.

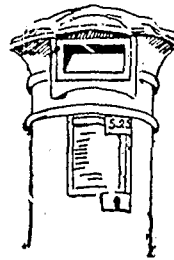
November 4th.—National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland. Annual Meeting, 491, Oxford Street, London, W. 4 p.m. Tea.

November 5th.—National Food Reform Association. Conference on the Feeding of Nurses. Caxton Hall, S.W. 2.30 p.m.

November 8th.—Nurses' Missionary League. Lecture: "Difficulties and Possibilities in a Nurses' Life," by Miss Haughton, Matron, Guy's Hospital. University Hall, Gordon Square, W.C. 7.15 p.m.

November 9th.—Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh. Lecture on "Surgical Nursing outside of Hospital," by Mr. John D. Dowden, F.R.C.S.E. All trained nurses cordially invited. Extra-Mural Medical Theatre, 4.30 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.

THE DEFENCE OF NURSING STANDARDS COMMITTEE.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I should be obliged if you would kindly permit me to make a statement in the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING concerning the "Defence of Nursing Standards Committee," which held its final meeting on October 21st.

I have received in donations £57 7s. 9d., and have had many kind offers of further help should it have been required. Might I, as Secretary, take this opportunity of thanking those friends who have so generously helped the cause of the "Defence of Nursing Standards."

It was decided unanimously at the executive meeting to hand over the balance of £3 10s. to the Society for State Registration of Trained Nurses, as its work is on parallel lines.

I am, dear Madam,

Yours sincerely,

ELLEN SHUTER,

Hon. Secretary.

[We are informed that this donation will be used in support of the Registration Reunion, to be held in February.—Ed.]

REGISTRATION OF NURSES (STATUS OF FEVER NURSES).

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

DEAR MADAM,—Your remarks on the Status of Fever Nurses have, without doubt, cleared the air of some registrational impurities.

It is well to hear all sides of a question, and so long as argument is conducted fairly no exception can be taken. Nurses—for as I have said before, the registration of nurses is essentially a nurses' question—welcome the opinion of individual members of the medical profession. Nurses do, however, resent those who are "awakening supporters of legal status for nurses" undertaking to frame laws for the government of their profession and, what is more, trying to undo the work which has been accomplished by nurses and those members of the medical profession who have given their staunch support and valuable advice and help for years past. *Nurses have been the promoters of registration. They have worked for it and they have paid for it.* These are facts which are perhaps not fully known or realised by hospital boards, public health committees, and the general public; but the time has now come when they should be made known.

In a letter to the *Glasgow Herald* in reference to my remark that a separate fever register would be exceedingly injurious to the best interests of fever

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