

## LOGIC.

"Are little stories admitted to the academic columns of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING? questions a private nurse. "My patients enjoy them."

A little girl walking with her mother asked the reason of straw in the street, to which her mother replied that Mrs. S— had just got another baby. "Oh! it must have been well packed," exclaimed the logical little damsel.

## READ.

"The Soul of London: a Survey of a Modern City." By Ford Madox Hueffer.

"The Beloved Princess: Princess Charlotte of Wales." By Charles E. Pearce.

"Harriet Beecher Stowe: The Story of Her Life." By her son, C. E. Stowe, and her grandson, L. B. Stowe.

## COMING EVENTS.

November 21st.—Guy's Hospital Nurses' League. Lecture: "New Methods of Treatment in the Eye Wards." Mr. W. Anderson, M.B. 8 p.m.

November 22nd.—Irish Nurses' Association, 34, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin. Lecture: "Rheumatism," by Dr. C. Preston Ball.

November 23rd.—Central Midwives Board. Monthly Meeting. Caxton House, Westminster, S.W. 2.45 p.m.

November 24th.—The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland. The Isla Stewart Oration. Delivered by Miss R. Cox-Davies on "Isla Stewart, her Life, and Influence on the Nursing Profession," supported by Miss Annie Damer, past President of the American Nurses' Association, and Mrs. May Wright Sewall, of the United States, Founder of The International Council of Women. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick in the Chair. The Council Chamber, the Guildhall, City of London. 8.30 p.m.

November 25th.—Nurses' Missionary League Sale of Work, Sloane Gardens House, 52, Lower Sloane Street, 9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

November 25th.—League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses. General Meeting. Clinical Theatre, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C. 2.30 p.m. Social Gathering, 4 p.m.

November 28th.—St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses' League. Lecture IV.: "The Cathedrals of England." York, Lincoln, Durham. Mr. Allen Walker. 8 p.m.

December 1st.—Irish Nurses' Association, 34, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin. Lecture: "Poisons," by Mr. W. Taylor, F.R.C.S.I.

December 6th.—Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh. Lecture: "The Significance of Pain in Diseases of the Female Pelvic Organs," by Dr. W. Fordyce. Extra-mural Medical Theatre. 4.30 p.m. Trained nurses cordially invited.

December 15th.—Next Examination of the Central Midwives Board, Examination Hall, London, W.C. Oral Examination a few days later.

## 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.*

## HOPE FOR ENGLISH MOTHERS.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I do not know if an excellent article in "Unterm Lazaruskreuz" has caught your eye; it is on the International Congress for the Protection of Infants. I think, in view of the unlimited public scoldings that are heaped on unfortunate English mothers, who are, of course, entirely responsible for the death of their offspring, the percentage of deaths amongst children under one year in the various European countries as given at the Congress is interesting.

It runs as follows: Russia, 27.7; Austria, 20.2; Hungary, 19.9; Germany, 17.8; Spain, 17.3; Italy, 15.6; France, 14.3; Belgium, 13.2; Holland, 12.5; England, 12.1; Denmark, 10.8; Norway, 6.7. It is comforting to know that, in spite of the "little bit of everything," the condensed milk and the falling birth-rate scare, over which our political wiseacres are wringing their hands without grasping the fact that it is a necessary adjustment to existing social conditions, we can still point to a death percentage amongst infants lower than any country given but two, Denmark and Norway. I should like to say much more on the subject, but will not trespass further on your space.

Yours faithfully,

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## THE SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF TRAINED NURSES.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—Through the medium of your columns, will you kindly allow me to let it be known that nurses who desire to obtain election as members of the above Society at a meeting to be held this month will oblige by sending their names, addresses, particulars as to training, and to what (if any) nurses' organisation they belong, to me at the address given below?

It is anticipated that much useful work lies before the Society in the coming year, and the fact cannot be stated too often that the need daily becomes greater that every trained nurse should belong to an organisation composed of, for the benefit of, and governed by nurses.

I am, etc.,

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