

COMING EVENTS.

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

December 1st.—The Nurses Co-operation, At Home, the Nurses' Club, 35, Langham Street, W. Show of the Nurses' Needlework Guild. Tea 3.30 to 5.30 p.m.

December 5th.—Guy's Hospital Nurses' League. Lecture: "Modern Nursing Methods in the Wards," Miss A. Park, late Matron, Civil Hospital, Kandy, and Night Superintendent, *pro tem*, Guy's Hospital.

December 5th.—St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses' League. Lecture V.: "The Cathedral of England." Norwich, Ely, Lichfield, Gloucester. Mr. Allen Walker. Anatomical Theatre. 8 p.m.

December 6th.—Meeting of the Isla Stewart Memorial Committee, 431 Oxford Street, London, W. 4.30 p.m.

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 6th.—Hammersmith and Fulham District Nursing Association, Carnforth Lodge. Miss Curtis and the Nurses' At Home, Town Hall, Hammersmith. Sir William Bull, M.P., and Lady Bull will announce the amounts collected and thank collectors, 4 to 6.30 p.m. Tea, coffee, music.

December 7th.—Nurses' Social and Choral League, Concert, Kensington Town Hall, 8 p.m.

December 8th.—Penal Reform League Annual Meeting, Caxton Hall, S.W. Chairman, Professor Sir John Macdonell, C.B., LL.D. 8 p.m.

December 8th.—The Nurses' Social Union. A Special Performance of "Eager Heart" for Nurses will be given in the Hall, Passmore Edwards Settlement, Tavistock Place, W.C., 8.15 p.m. Tickets, 1s. from Miss Egerstorff, 12 Stoneleigh Street, W.

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

**OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS FOR
DECEMBER.**

December 9th.—What symptoms would lead you to suspect venereal disease in the newly-born infant?

December 16th.—What precautions should be observed in nursing a case of enteric fever to prevent infection?

December 23rd.—What are the causes of Transverse Presentations? Name the modes of Natural Delivery?

December 30th.—Describe the Rôle of Insects in the production of Disease?

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.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITION.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR EDITOR,—Thanks so much for 5s. prize; it was a very pleasant surprise to be the winner.

Yours truly,

E. DOUGLAS.

Maternity Hospital,
Belfast Union Infirmary.

**BACHELOR BISHOPS AND INFANT
MORTALITY.**

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I was so pleased to read Miss Mollett's letter, and to see from statistics that England after all comes out very well—compared with other nations—as to its percentage of deaths amongst infants, that I sent a copy of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING to the Archbishop of York and the Bishop of London—who have been lecturing mothers of late on their domestic duties.

Yours truly,

KATE MARTIN.

Endsleigh Gardens.

A STATE REGISTRATION BADGE.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR EDITOR,—I think the idea of a State Registration Badge a splendid one. Every society has a Badge, why not ours?

Yours very faithfully,

MARY HARVEY, R.N.S.

Eaton Place, W.

[Many letters are unavoidably held over.—Ed.]

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"*Alt.*"—Your letter received without name or address. No system of Registration of Nurses can be of any use which is not authorised by Act of Parliament, which should provide for a Central Governing Body, on which trained nurses have ample representation, to define standards and maintain discipline. The Insurance Commissioners will not be qualified to perform this professional duty. The Medical and Midwives Acts discriminate for them concerning medical practitioners and certified midwives, and a Nursing Act should be at once passed defining a "registered nurse" so that State funds will not be expended in providing quack nurses to insured person.

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