

### NURSES' CHORAL AND SOCIAL LEAGUE.

The choir of 200 voices fully occupied the platform of Kensington Town Hall, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion with plants and ferns, and festoons of bunting, on the evening of February 18th. A large gathering of hospital nurses in neat indoor uniform is ever an attractive sight. A glance at the programme before the concert began showed the very liberal diet of music which had been prepared for the expectant audience. Nor were we to be disappointed.

The concert opened with a delightful cantata, "The Legend of Oriella," in which all took part. Humorous part songs and solos followed. Nurse Nora Milner gained generous applause for her two fresh little songs, "To My First Love," and "The Little Irish Girl," also Nurse Lily Smith for her "Dear Heart."

The Toy Symphony by the nurses from West Ham Infirmary was very well done, and the cuckoo's plaintive cry caused a good deal of amusement. Two unaccompanied part songs, and a duet by Nurses Pomfret and Jones were among the gems, but it is difficult to single out any where all were so good. A variation in the entertainment was made by Mr. Selwyn Driver's "Humorous Pianoration," which caused peals of laughter. Mr. Charles Capper's wonderful whistling solos were not less appreciated, but in a different way. Miss Helen Hulme—so well known in musical circles—both conducted, and sang one of her delightful songs.

We can but say long live the Nurses' Choral and Social League, for it is well that music should come into lives of nurses who see so much of life in a minor key. The trainer of the Choir is to be greatly congratulated upon the efficiency of the pupils.

### COMING EVENTS.

*February 22nd.*—The Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses: Meeting of Executive Committee, 431, Oxford Street, London, W. 11 a.m.

*February 24th.*—First lecture of a Course at the Sanitary Institute, 90, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W., for School Teachers, Women Health Visitors and School Nurses. By Dr. G. Eric C. Pritchard, M.A. 7 p.m.

*February 26th.*—Nurses' Missionary League, Lecture by Dr. H. Gordon Mackenzie, 33, Bedford Square, W.C. 3 p.m. Nurses invited.

*February 26th.*—Trained Women Nurses' Friendly Society: Meeting of Committee of Management, 431, Oxford Street, London, W. 5 p.m.

*February 26th.*—Lyceum Club: Debate, State Registration of Trained Nurses. Speaker, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick. Discussion. 8 p.m.

*February 27th.*—The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland. Visit to the grave of Mrs. Elizabeth Fry at Barking, to place a wreath thereon.

*March 1st.*—Eugenics' Education Conference, University of London.

### 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,—Thank you very much for cheque for 5s. received yesterday morning. I was greatly surprised at being the prize-winner; it is the first competition of any kind I have entered. I shall buy a useful book on nursing and keep it in remembrance.

Yours truly,

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[We should advise the money should acquire "Materia Medica" by Miss L. L. Dock, or her great work "Hygiene and Morality," published by G. P. Putnam's Sons, 24, Bedford Street, W.C.—Ed.]

#### NURSES' ORGANIZATIONS.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I cannot help feeling that the formation of yet another society for nurses cannot but be prejudicial to those that already exist, and especially to the Nurses' Social Union, which already practically covers all the ground suggested by Mr. Pollitt. It is a society managed "by nurses for nurses," free legal advice, and a distinctive badge are provided, lectures and debates are arranged for, and everything possible is done to enable nurses as a united body to "bring questions concerning them before the appropriate authorities." The aim of the Nurses' Social Union, as stated in their leaflet, is the "Promotion by co-operation of the effectiveness of the profession, and, through it, the good of the community." It is already a national society in all but name; it knows no distinction of creed nor caste; it is not for any special class of nurse—district nurses, hospital nurses, private nurses, Poor-Law nurses, all find their place in this society's wide comprehensiveness, and all can learn much from each other. The society welcomes all nurses, but distinguishes the fully-trained nurse from the partially-trained, and provides a different badge for the latter. It is hoped that the time will soon be in sight when there will be at least a branch in every county: already there are flourishing branches in such widely-separated districts as Dorset and Sussex, Yorkshire and Cornwall.

With many other N.S.U. members, I feel that it would be much wiser to strengthen the already existing Nurses' Social Union with many new members, and thus make it a truly national nurses' society, than to split up activities by

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