on demanding a commission on articles which they had been ordered to buy from chemists."

As commissions are illegal, those who give them are as much to blame as those who take them.

Liverpool.

Yours truly, EMILY C. MOORE.

#### VERY USEFUL TO TRAINED NURSES.

To the Editor of The British Journal of Nursing. Dear Madam,—If you can make room in your most interesting journal for a short account of an Anglo-French Club, at 6, Bouverie Street, Strand, I am sure that many of your readers will be grateful to you when they discover how delightfully colloquial French can be taught them there. The subscription is 21s. per annum, and is. entrance fee, and this entitles them to 52 lectures in the year, besides the use of the Club,

where many French papers are kept, and where the members can, by depositing 2s., take away a

French book to read.

Professor Bizéray has a perfect genius for teaching, and has such a keen sense of humour that it is a delightful relaxation to attend his lectures. He has taught many thousands of people in London to speak French during the eight years he has been teaching. A little less than two years ago he started this Anglo-French Club and has now just about 900 members. The hours are from 5 to 9 p.m. during which time he gives an hour to each of the three classes he holds, and beginners are taken on Wednesday—Elementary classes are on Fridays, Intermediate classes on Tuesdays, and Advanced French is taught on Mondays and Thursdays.

By paying 5s. one can get 600 minutes of conver-

sation with French teachers.

Madame Sarah Bernhardt is the President of the Club.

My only regret is that I did not discover this club long ago.

Yours faithfully,

THEO. E. TERRY (An old Bart's Nurse).

West Bolton Gardens, S.W.

### PROPOSED NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF NURSES.

To the Editor of The British Journal of Nursing.

Dear Madam,—Your readers may like to know that the number of favourable replies is 163.

Yours faithfully.

J. S. POLLITT.

County Bank House, Blackburn.

## TRAINED NURSES AND THE PANAMA-PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION, 1915.

To the Editor of The British Journal of Nursing.

DEAR MADAM,—Greetings from the Golden Gate. Up to to-day eighty-one organisations, including your own, the International Council of Nurses, have decided to meet in San Francisco under the

auspices of the Exposition. Let me assure you that the "latch string" will be out for you throughout California in 1915.

Under separate cover I am sending you, with the compliments of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, booklets that will give you a "bird's-eye" view of the Panama Canal, of the Exposition, and its growth, and of California. "On the shores of the Pacific" will give just a glimpse of the Exposition and of the eleven ways by which you may reach San Francisco or return to your home in 1015.

to your home in 1915.
With ample hotel accommodation and low railway rates, and with the scenic routes of America available for the trip, no better time either for a Convention in San Francisco or for a

personal trip could be found.

If we can be of service in any way do not hesitate to write us for information at any time, either for yourself personally or for your organisation, the International Council of Nurses.

Very sincerely yours,

Jas. H. Barr, Manager.

San Francisco, California.

# THE DESECRATION OF NURSES' UNIFORM.

The Public Meeting on March 14th, at 11, Chandos Street, W., to protest against the Misuse of Nurses' Uniform, should receive enthusiastic support from nurses and the public. Doors open at 7.30 p.m. Dr. Chapple, M.P., will take the chair at 8 p.m.

#### NOTICE.

How to keep in Touch with the Nursing World at Home and Abroad.

All members of Leagues and Associations of Nurses affiliated to the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland know that each one is also a member of, and thus helps to form the great International Council of Nurses. But all may not realise that the official organ of the National and International Councils is The British Journal of Nursing, professionally edited, and controlled by trained nurses. The Editor will always be pleased to receive contributions on practical nursing subjects, reports of interesting cases, and letters from those working abroad, for which, if accepted, payment is awarded. Nurses with high professional ideals should subscribe to The British Journal of Nursing, issued weekly at the small cost of one penny. It can be ordered either through a newsagent or from the Manager at the offices, 431, Oxford Street, London, W.

### OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS.

March 22nd.—Describe the best method of flushing the bowel.

March 29th.—Give the general rules for the disinfection of each of the following in the case of infectious diseases: (a) Discharges and excreta; (b) Linen; (c) Utensils; (d) The Nurse's hands.

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