

THIS IS THE YEAR.

Forget all the Buried and welcome the Born!
Those that are coming are Real!
Plough for the Beautiful Dream of the Corn—
Build the Ideal.

Changeless the Past, but the Future is ours—
Open for us to endow;
Fruit of our purposes, proof of our powers—
Work for it Now.

All we desire is for us to create—
Here in our hands, here!
This is the Hour that is Never Too Late,
This is the Year.

C. P. GILMAN,
In *The Fore Runner*.

COMING EVENTS.

April 12th.—National Council of Nurses: Meeting Dublin Conference Sub-Committee. 431, Oxford Street, London, W. 4.30 p.m.

April 17th.—Meeting Central Midwives' Board. Caxton House. 3.30 p.m.

April 22nd to 25th.—Annual Exhibition and Nursing and Midwifery Conference, Horticultural Hall, Westminster, London.

April 23rd.—Irish Nurses' Association: Lecture on "Gynaecological Nursing," by Dr. Gibson, 34, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin. 7.30 p.m.

April 24th.—Association of Inspectors of Midwives: Annual Meeting. Royal Horticultural Hall, Westminster, S.W.

April 28th.—The House of Commons. The Prime Minister will receive a Deputation from the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses. 4 p.m.

April 30th and May 1st.—Nurses' Missionary League. Missionary Exhibition, Holborn Hall. 9.30 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TRAINED NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

June 3rd.—Reception of Guests in Royal College of Surgeons.

June 4th to 6th.—Conference and Exhibition organized by the Irish Nurses' Association, Royal College of Physicians, Dublin. Questions of interest to be discussed:—Nursing Education, Preliminary, Reciprocal and Post Graduate Training; State Registration; the Nurses' Registration Bill, its effect on the Nursing Profession, including Hours of Work, Remuneration and Privileges; the Law as it affects Trained Nurses; White Plague (tuberculosis); Black Plague (venereal disease); the Appeal of the Insane; Poor Law Nursing; School Nursing; The Training and Professional Ideals of the Masseuse; the Legal Status of the Midwife; a Just Midwives' Act for Ireland.

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.

NOISES IN NURSING HOMES.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I came across your admirable journal, which I now take, when in a Nursing Home, and venture to send you a petition for reform in them. (1) Can there be less noise? (2) Can the patients be sure of a trained nurse, who is fond of private nursing, and therefore suitable for it, instead of one in so-called training, or another "who hates nursing. the leisured classes"? (3) Can we have a higher standard of personal cleanliness in the domestics who enter the sick room so dishevelled and grimy, surely a danger to surgical cases? (4) Is it possible to prevent chauffeurs in the mews locking up barking dogs whilst they enjoy their "joy rides"? (5) Has anyone invented any little appliance which a tortured sick person could slip over the ears to prevent sounds, and (6) Can we patients make a stand against being compelled to leave our quiet and comfortable homes when the doctors urge us to enter Nursing Homes, now that aseptic conditions are quite possible if the operation is properly provided for? I have had two operations, one in a Home where I suffered physical and mental discomfort and worry chiefly from noise, and one at home, with two good nurses in attendance, where I was made most happy and comfortable, at half the cost. Very few men doctors realise the torture to a woman's nervous system from noise when health is broken; it is no good arguing about it and pooh-poohing. May I add I have been most kindly treated by all nurses in and out of Homes, but houses in but few London streets are suitable for hospitals, and in these days of motor-cars they should only be licensed in quiet districts.

Yours truly,

A SUFFERER.

MORE MALE NURSES 'REQUIRED.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I wish you would use the influence of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING to ventilate the necessity of appointing more male nurses in Poor Law Infirmaries, to attend the large number of male patients suffering from venereal diseases. In our large country infirmaries quite young women nurses are expected to attend these cases, and sorry as one is for their misery, young women should be protected from contact with them. I should not have ventured to write to the Press on this matter had the opinion I have expressed met with the sympathy it should have done from

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