

COMING EVENTS.

November 14th.—Nurses' Missionary League: Lecture by Miss Zoe Fairfield (S. C. M.), on "Christianity and the Demands on Modern Womanhood." Chairman: Miss A. C. Gibson. 33, Bedford Square, W.C. 3 p.m.

November 19th and 26th.—Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute. Lectures on the "Treatment and Prevention of Tuberculosis." Royal Victoria Dispensary, Edinburgh. 4 p.m.

November 20th.—Central Midwives Board. Meeting, Caxton House, S.W., 3.30 p.m.

November 20th.—Ulster Branch, Irish Nurses Association. Lecture on "Vaccines" by Dr. Thomas Houston. Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast. 7.30 p.m.

November 24th.—Irish Nurses Association. Lecture, "Massage in diseases of the Circulation," by Dr. Douglas Good, 34, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, 7.30 p.m.

November 26th.—The Association of Approved Societies: Conference on the Nursing of Insured Persons, Caxton Hall, Council Chamber; Charles Bathurst, Esq., M.P., in chair, 2.30 p.m.

November 27th.—The National Council of Trained Nurses: Annual Meeting, Medical Society's Rooms, 11, Chandos Street, London, W.; meetings, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; 2.30 to 4.30 p.m., tea; the Isla Stewart Oration, "The Power of Example," by Miss Mollett, 5.30 p.m.

December 3rd.—Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh: Lecture, "The Treatment of Diseases by Bacterial Vaccines," by Dr. Struthers Stewart, Large Theatre, 4.30 p.m.

December 4th.—Trained Women Nurses Approved Society. Annual Meeting, 11, Chandos Street Cavendish Square, London, W. 8 p.m.

December 4th.—Nurses' Choral and Social League. Mrs. Carreg McCowan, the President "At Home," 50, Queen's Gate, London, S.W. 3 to 6.30 p.m.

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 MADAM,—I was delighted and surprised to receive cheque for 5s.

I find the questions very interesting, and it is of great assistance to nurses to read and compare the ideas of others.

Again thanking you. Wishing your paper every success.

Believe me,

Yours faithfully,

ANNIE ASPINALL.

Nurses' Home,
Crook, Durham.

OUR CHRISTMAS PRIZE COMPETITION.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—Pardon my troubling you; I have been wondering if it would be any use my writing to you for things for a Christmas Tree, for the patients here—women and children—we average about 90. In the large London Infirmaries there are always a quantity of things sent at Christmas time, but the patients in the small country Infirmaries get forgotten. This will be my first Christmas here, and I do want all the patients to have a real good time. Now as we are only four nurses here, it means a lot of expense for us, with decorations and other extras. In the afternoon we are going to give them a Christmas Tree followed by a tea, and a concert. We are busy now getting things ready, and if you could send us anything, however small, we shall be so thankful, and I know it will be well appreciated by the patients. They have never had anything of this kind before.

Yours faithfully,

D. FAIRBANK,
Superintendent Nurse.

Infirmary, Alton.

[As already announced, all the toys sent in for the Christmas Prize Competition (and we hope for a very large supply) are to be sent to Superintendent Nurses for distribution in just such institutions as the Alton Infirmary, where they will be the source of much happiness we have no doubt. Alton shall certainly have its share.—ED.]

THE NURSING OF INSURED PERSONS.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—On page 230 of your issue for September 20th, 1913, I notice that the nursing of insured persons is to be considered at a conference to take place in London in the last week of November. I am more than interested in this subject, and should be so glad to have a report of this conference.

Of course, you know American visiting nurse associations have been doing visiting nursing for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. for several years, most successfully. The Chicago Visiting Nurse Association has been considering going into this work on a somewhat larger scale, at the expense of any employer who desires us to give visiting nurse care to a sick employee or his family.

For a city of this size this can become such a large thing that we are going into it somewhat cautiously; nevertheless, I am sure of its success.

My interest in social insurance leads me to hope that when it comes to America, as it undoubtedly must, nursing service will be included with the medical service. I wish that England might lead the way in this, and shall be so interested to hear what steps are being planned.

Very sincerely yours,

EDNA L. FOLEY,

Superintendent.

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of Chicago, U.S.A.

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