

COMING EVENTS.

December 12th.—Penal Reform League. Annual Meeting. Chairman, Professor Sir John E. Macdonell, C.B., LL.D. Caxton Hall, Westminster. 8 p.m.

December 18th.—Meeting Central Midwives' Board. Caxton House, S.W. 3.30 p.m.

December 25th.—Christmas Day, Hospital Festivities.

January 7th, 1914.—Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh. Lecture, "Venereal Diseases," by Dr. Elsie Inglis. Large Theatre on Surgical side 4.30 p.m. Trained nurses cordially invited.

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,—It was a great pleasure to find I had gained another prize in your Journal. I intend to spend the five shillings this time on Dr. Oliver Bruce's new book on Tuberculosis.—With many thanks, yours truly,

E. FENN.

Halloway Place, Hastings.

THE LONDON PRESS BOYCOTT OF NURSES' REGISTRATION.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I enclose a letter sent by me to the *Daily Mail*, as amongst the various suggestions on the shortage of Nurses no one apparently touched on State Registration as a remedy, and suggested that with so many openings for work, thoughtful women would not choose nursing, which has no legal status. My letter has been ignored.

Yours sincerely,

Albany St., N.W. ANNIE E. HULME.

[Of course it has, and no doubt many others expressing the same views have been pitched into the waste-paper basket along with it. *Wait and see*; the whirligig of Time brings round its own revenges.—ED.]

PLEASE HELP MY ISLANDERS.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—The danger of severe illness from utter want to which the poor people in my District are likely to be exposed during the coming spring obliges me to make appeal for orders in their behalf.

Owing to the very dry summer last year, the potato crop has failed, and the small harvest gathering now is sure to be followed by much suffering and distress.

It is for this I wish to remind nurses who may need to bestow a gift some time, that the women here make a beautiful kind of crochet lace—horse-shoe pattern—that could be suitably used for the purpose of wedding or Christmas presents; and I am sure, if they could realize the benefit even a small purchase would confer on the natives here, they would gladly ask their private patients also to send orders—any of which will be carefully received by me on behalf of my Islanders,

Thanking you, dear Madam,

Believe me,

Sincerely yours,

Inishmann,
Galway Bay.

B. V. HEDDERMAN,
District Nurse.

THE NURSES' PROTEST.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I think we nurses owe a deep debt of gratitude to those matrons who undertook the self-imposed and disagreeable duty of parading London in the gutter, in order to repudiate, on behalf of the nursing profession, association with women concerned in the management of disorderly flats. We were already aware of the public spirit and singleness of purpose of the ladies who for so long have been striving to obtain safety for the public and justice for trained nurses, through State Registration; and I can assure you that many nurses deeply appreciate their work—but I do not think any of us contemplated their carrying their devotion to the cause as far as this. I should feel proud to be allowed to support them if another parade is organised, and write now to offer myself. Would that we had more matrons like you and those associated with you. Matrons seem to me to be divided into two classes—those whose devotion to the public interest knows no limit, and those whose devotion to their own is of similar quality. I have worked under both sorts.

Yours faithfully,

RECRUIT.

[We hope our correspondent will note that we report another intolerable outrage this week to our uniform, by a doorkeeper of a brothel in Thayer Street, Marylebone, W., raided by the "White Slave officers" from Scotland Yard. As it is not improbable that another Protest Parade by nurses who object to being classed with prostitutes may be organised, we shall accept the offer of "Recruit" to take part in it.—ED.]

OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS.

December 20th.—How would you control, until arrival of surgeon, bleeding from:

- (1) A varicose ulcer of the leg?
- (2) A stab wound in the thigh?
- (3) A wound between the wrist and elbow?

December 27th.—Mention the symptoms that might indicate the beginning of mastitis. If ice-bags are ordered, what is the proper method of procedure?

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