

power which has resulted in legislative enactment in so many countries was originally supplied by this journal—a striking proof of what may be accomplished by a professional journal inspired by conscientious conviction, and true to its principles.

Throughout all these years THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING has held a watching brief for the professional and personal interests of nurses, and we shall next week touch on the work it has accomplished and the dangers it has averted in their interest.

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## THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

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Much interest in the Midlands is already being taken in the forthcoming Annual Conference and Nursing Exhibition convened by the National Council of Nurses at Birmingham, and which will be held in the New Central Hall from June 9th to 12th next. The General Hospital Birmingham Nurses' League is acting as hostess, and Miss Musson, as President of the Conference, is working enthusiastically to make the gathering a success on a high professional plane. The Programme of Sessions and social events will be published in this JOURNAL, the official organ of the National Council, at an early date. Mr. Gilbert Barling, F.R.C.S., Vice-Chancellor of the Birmingham University, and Miss Rogers, late Matron of the Royal Infirmary, Leicester, will present the case for Nurses' Registration. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick will speak of the Nurses' International Memorial to Miss Florence Nightingale. Miss Musson will be the chief speaker in the Economic Session, and there are quite a number of burning questions to be discussed in connection with it. Sir Victor Horsley, F.R.C.S., will advocate the necessity for nursing as part of medical benefit for insured persons, and several topical questions will be brought forward and resolutions proposed. The Bishop of Birmingham will give a short address to members of the Conference in the Chapel of the General Hospital on June 11th at 4.45 p.m.

### THE EXHIBITION.

Miss Musson intends that the Exhibition shall demonstrate the professional side, and that the Nursing Exhibits shall be allotted plenty of space. This has always been the policy of the National Council. It is hoped members of all the affiliated Leagues will contribute special sections—as some of them have

done in Woman's Kingdom at Olympia, and which have come in for so much praise and appreciation there. The Exhibition is also thrown open to individual nurses. Anyone having inventions, nursing appliances, or curiosities of interest to the Nursing Profession, which they are willing to lend for exhibition, are invited to write to Miss Lloyd, General Hospital, Birmingham, giving particulars, as soon as possible.

### PRIZES.

Prizes to be awarded at Birmingham by THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING:

First prize, £3 3s., for the most instructive exhibit sent by a League of Nurses.

Second prize, £2 2s., for the most useful invention by a nurse for the comfort of the sick.

Third prize, £1 1s., for the best group of three dolls dressed in any uniform, not to exceed 10 inches in height; workmanship and neatness will be tests of excellence.

A Prize of £2 is offered by Miss Musson for the best exhibit of six splints padded by Nurses, to include Thomas' hip splint, tenotomy splint, angular splint, and a Macintyre.

A Prize of £1 will be given by Miss Musson for the best set of six water-colour paintings of rashes or skin eruptions. It is hoped Fever Nurses will compete for this prize.

A Prize of £1 is offered by Miss Waind, Galen House, Guildford, for the best "make-shift" in nursing.

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## TRUE TALES WITH A MORAL.

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### A PRACTICAL PARENT.

*Clergyman's Wife to Village Sweep.*—I'm sure Mr. Smuts you must be missing Susan and Mary.

*Mr. Smuts.*—Well mum, so I be; Susan, she's prenticed to the dressmaking—a matter of ten pund, and she's worth it, but poor Mary was never over bright, so she's gone to be an 'orspital nuss, and caps and aprons is all I'm out of pocket!

### DO I GIVE IT WITH A SPOON?

*Doctor.*—"The patient is very seriously ill, nurse, but I have hopes that with the help of oxygen we shall pull him through. Be sure he has it regularly through the night every hour, oftener if his breathing is distressed."

*Nurse.*—"Certainly, Sir."

[Exit Doctor.]

*Nurse to Colleague.*—"What about the oxygen? Do I give it with a spoon?"

### EX AQUA CALLIDA.

*House Surgeon* on night rounds prescribes a drug to be given to a patient *ex aqua callida*.

*Night Nurse* appearing later at House Surgeon's door: "I am sorry to trouble you to go down to the dispensary, Mr. Smith, but I find we have none of this in the ward."

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