

By the kind invitation of Mrs. Walter Spencer, members from a distance present at the meeting are asked to luncheon at 2, Portland Place, W.

Afternoon Session, 3 p.m., "The Place of the Imperial Mother in Peace and War"; Chairman, Mrs. Baillie Reynolds; Address by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, on "A Scheme for Social Service in Relation to the Soldier: (a) Scientific Domestic Management; (b) Personal Hygiene; (c) Preventive Nursing"; Discussion. Speakers: Mrs. Clark Nuttall, Dr. R. Murray Leslie, Miss H. L. Pearse, and others.

Tickets (free) can be obtained by Members for their friends at 431, Oxford Street, London, W. The whole Conference is open to every member of Societies forming the National Council.

June 20th to 26th.—Nursing Convention, San Francisco, California, U.S.A.: Meetings—International Council of Nurses, American Nurses' Association, National League of Nursing Education, National Organization of Public Health Nursing.

July 3rd.—League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses. General Meeting, Clinical Lecture Theatre, 2.30 p.m. Social Gathering, 4 p.m. R.S.V.P. to Gen. Sec., Miss B. Cutler, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C.

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.

A NURSES' ECONOMIC LEAGUE.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—It is with great pleasure that I note the formation of a Trained Nurses' Economic League is to be discussed at the Conference of the National Council of Trained Nurses on the 17th inst. There is no subject which is of greater importance, and I am very glad to note that it is proposed its function shall be educative as well as protective, for I am bound to say that most of the nurses I come across are densely ignorant in regard to nursing economics and their great importance. All success to the League.

Thanking you for your regard for our true interests.

Yours appreciatively,
SISTER.

LOWERING OUR STANDARD IN FRANCE.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I wish to support the statement that sending out all these untrained women to nurse in France has lowered our standard, and brought discredit upon trained nurses in the opinion of the French faculty of medicine and others. In the hospital where I have been working, supported by public subscriptions from England, the trained matron could not endure

the interference of the doctor's wife and untrained directress, and nearly all the nurses have left, and now only untrained girls, voluntary workers are being engaged from England. These young women come armed with all sorts of certificates from the authorities, and are apparently thought quite good enough to attend sick and wounded Frenchmen.

The hospital at Bar-le-Duc is doing something to minimise this sad condition of affairs, with its well-trained nursing staff, and we are also very grateful to the committee of the French Flag Nursing Corps for keeping up our three years' standard.

Yours truly,
A TRAINED NURSE IN FRANCE.

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Miss K. T. Sheldon.—All information *re* the Belgian Cookery scheme can be obtained from the Secretary, 49, Russell Square, W.C. The cookery of the Belgian women of the working classes depends largely on the use of vegetables, and it is the wonderful vegetable soups and their methods of preparation which those interested in the food of the working classes are anxious to make known.

To Commandant.—It is a fundamental principle that a ward should always be under the direct supervision of a certificated nurse; and, further, a single-handed Sister, in a ward full of serious cases, can have little time to devote to supervise the women orderlies, and without systematic teaching no untrained person however intelligent can profit as she would do if teaching and clinical experience went hand in hand.

NOTICES.

FRENCH FLAG NURSING CORPS.

Candidates for the French Flag Nursing Corps for service in France can be interviewed by arrangement with Lady Barclay, 60, Nevern Square, London, S.W. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick will be at 431, Oxford Street, W., on Friday, June 11th, and Monday, June 14th, from 2.30 to 5 p.m., to see candidates, who must be well educated and hold a certificate for three years' training. Experience of fever nursing is an additional advantage. Nurses speaking French are preferred.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS.

June 19th.—What are the points to be observed in caring for a case of nervous shock?

June 26th.—What symptoms would lead you to apprehend the onset of (1) sapræmia, and (2) septicæmia in a lying-in woman?

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