

COMING EVENTS.

June 24th.—Nurses' Union Garden Party, Aubrey House, Aubrey Road, Holland Park, by invitation of Miss Alexander. 3.30 to 5.30 p.m.

June 25th.—Paddington and St. Marylebone District Nursing Association. Opening of St. Marylebone Branch Home, 43, Blandford Square, N.W., by Lady St. Helier, 4.30 p.m., followed by the Annual Meeting. The Mayor of Marylebone presiding. Speaker, Miss Amy Hughes. Tea 4 p.m.

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.

July 8th.—Association for Promoting Training and Supply of Midwives. Annual gathering of midwives by invitation of the Lady Balfour of Burleigh, 47, Cadogan Square, S.W. 3 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.

A SATISFACTORY REFERENDUM.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—When the "Nurses' Social Union" altered its title and took the national title of "The National Union of Trained Nurses," we members hoped that a national policy would be adopted, and I for one read with great satisfaction the result of the Referendum of Full Members (the trained nurse members) as published in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING last week, as the voting—460 for and 35 against—proves that the Union is overwhelmingly in favour of the principle, and thus comes into line with the policy of every other national organisation of trained nurses in Great Britain and Ireland. A Social Union and a National Union are two distinct things; one only deals with the convivial and friendly affairs pertaining to society, but the other must deal with things common to a nation; and the legal status of the class composing the Union is immensely important, as, unless it possesses such status, its energy is dissipated and little good can be effected, either for the individual or the community. Let us hope the 35 dissentients will each procure a copy of the Nurses' Registration Bill and study it carefully; I feel sure they will soon realise that trained nurses *deserve* State protection equally with doctors and midwives.

Yours truly,

PER ARDUA AD ASTRA.

THE CONSERVATION OF ENERGY.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—The correspondent in the *Lancet* whose opinion "Common Sense" quotes last week in her letter on the conservation of energy, will be doing a real service if he can do anything to prevent young women who are not trained offering their services abroad as cooks. The majority of them know very little of the culinary art, and when it comes to using little charcoal fires, or anything not taught at home, their efforts are hopeless, and the results disastrous. The cooks of the country are best. I am recently come from foreign service with a private hospital, and am hungry still when I think of our lady cook—rather of her messes.—Yours truly,

A WORKER IN THE NEAR EAST.

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Sister Amy.—We intend to publish an article on the subject next week.

Miss S. J.—Read Miss Kent's letters as they appear.

Miss Dora Barlow.—Please send present address to Mrs. Fenwick, 20, Upper Wimpole Street, W. Cheque ready.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS.

July 3rd.—Mention the animal parasites which may be found on the surface of the body. Explain what methods you would adopt for their removal.

July 10th.—Give nursing measures for the relief of vomiting.

July 17th.—State what you know about the mechanical treatment of compound and suppurating fractures.

July 24th.—Give the signs and symptoms in a case of placenta prævia. What are the risks to mother and child? What general management would you adopt?

July 31st.—Name two communicable diseases, and state the manner in which the infection is carried.

IMPORTANT.

We are glad to receive from the newly-constituted nursing department of the well-known firm, the Hospitals and General Contracts Co., 25 to 35, Mortimer Street, W., assurances that they have, as the result of their advertisement in our columns, received answers from different foreign parts. This is doubtless due to the JOURNAL's wide circulation among the members of the International Council of Trained Nurses, whose official organ it is.

It is equally gratifying that the firm in question write on June 10th as follows:—"We shall be glad for you to use our recommendation to anyone as we are continuing to receive answers to our advertisement in your paper."

We commend all our advertisements to our readers' attention, as, in addition to the fact that only reliable firms are accepted, support of them through the JOURNAL does much to strengthen the finances so necessary to assist to carry through the many propaganda items, launched solely for the benefit and protection of the trained nurse.

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