

COMING EVENTS.

July 3rd to 10th.—Mothercraft and Child Welfare Exhibition, Passmore Edwards' Institute, Tavistock Place, W.C. 2.30 to 8.30 p.m.

July 13th.—Nurses' Union Garden Party by invitation of Mrs. Adair Roberts, Oak Hall Lodge, Froggnal, Hampstead. 3.30 to 6 p.m.

July 15th.—Society for State Registration of Trained Nurses. Meeting, Executive Committee, 431, Oxford Street, London, W. 4 p.m.

July 16th.—Lyceum Club. Executive Committee entertain wounded soldiers from Military Hospitals. Tea. 3.30 to 6 p.m.

July 22nd.—Central Midwives Board, Monthly Meeting, Caxton House, Westminster. 3.30 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.

SANITARY NURSING SERVICE.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I was present at the National Council Meeting on the 17th, and greatly appreciated what Mrs. Fenwick and Dr. Murray Leslie said about a Sanitary Nursing Service for the Army. When I think of those Canadian graves near Salisbury Plain, I wonder how many of those splendid patriotic young men might have been spared had such a service been organized in time of peace, and ready to care for them. I do hope something will be done. I am writing home about the Imperial Mother; we have plenty of them in the land of the Maple Leaf.

Yours, &c.,

A CANADIAN SISTER.

WHERE THE SHOE PINCHES.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—We beg to bring to your notice a paragraph which has recently appeared in the Press, feeling sure of your kind sympathy and valuable help to air—and if possible get redress. As you are aware the Staff nurses of the Territorial Force Nursing Service receive a salary of £40 per annum, and are obliged to be fully qualified nurses with a certificate of not less than three years in a recognised training school. In addition to that the majority of us give a record of having qualified in some special branch, and have held posts of more or less responsibility subsequent to our training.

Now we are to have the indignity of having women with two years' training put on an equal footing—as to duties and remuneration.

As we shall have a very serious menace in a large majority of Red Cross workers who are now admitted to these hospitals, and paid a salary of £20 a year, to face when the war is over, who will flood the Private Nursing and Nursing Home world

posing as "trained nurses" these two years' nurses will be even, a greater danger.

Lord Knutsford is busy again with his anti-State Registration scheme. I think the time has come when the voice of the section who will be the worst sufferers should be heard, and not let one man dictate where so many women's livelihoods are at stake.

I feel I am taking a great deal of your valuable time, but as you alone seem to be the friend and champion of the Private Nurse who is working for herself and not for her training school, I venture to plead for your help in the name of a great many of the Territorial Force Nursing Service and subscribe myself

Your obedient Servant,

STAFF NURSE, T.F.N.S.

[This lady has had the courage to give her address and sign her name, but for obvious reasons we omit them. The paragraph our correspondent alludes to refers to the Joint War Committee and not to the Advisory Nursing Board of the T.F.N.S., and states that it is now accepting the services of nurses with two years' training, salary £40, as Staff Nurses, "while those whose training has been broken up. . . . are accepted for home service and occasionally for the Anglo-French Hospitals in France."

Of course it is eminently unfair to give semi-trained nurses the same status and remuneration as those fully qualified, but trained nurses must realise that before the law they are only domestic servants, and until they are registered by Act of Parliament they have no rights or protection of any kind from the competition of the unskilled—and so long as they do not combine in thousands this gross injustice will continue. Moral, join the Society for State Registration of Nurses—Address, 431, Oxford Street, London, W.—ED.]

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Miss S. A. R., Birmingham.—(1) We have asked the Hon. Secretary of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses to send you an application form. (2) Write to the Matron, Animals Hospital, Belgrave Road, London, S.W., and ask for particulars and terms as to training.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS.

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.

NURSES HELP THE WAR LOAN.

Since the Barts. League Meeting, Mrs. Shuter has received £3 12s. of the £8 4s. required to make up the £100, which the Standing Committee wish to invest in War Loan Stock. We hope she may receive the remaining £5 12s. before Saturday July 10th, so that the Isla Stewart Memorial Fund of £500 may be closed and invested.

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