

COMING EVENTS.

July 2nd.—Isla Stewart Memorial. Meeting Standing Committee, 431, Oxford Street, London, W. 12 o'clock.

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

July 5th.—National League for Physical Education and Improvement. Meeting in support of the National Campaign against Flies and Vermin. Speakers: Bishop Boyd Carpenter, Professor Lefroy, Dr. Louis Sambon. Mansion House, 5 p.m.

July 7th.—Mothercraft and Child Welfare Exhibition. Lecture by Dr. Louis Sambon on "The Protection of Children against Insect-born Diseases." Passmore Edwards Institute, Tavistock Place, W.C. 4.30 p.m.

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.

FRENCH FLAG NURSING CORPS.

BRITISH NURSES FOR OUR WOUNDED ALLIES.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—In October last Miss Grace Ellison was entrusted by the French Government with the task of procuring 300 fully-trained British nurses to work in the French Military Hospitals for the duration of the War. The organisation was at once taken in hand by the following Committee:—President, Lady Barclay; Vice-President and Chairman, Mrs. R. D. Murray; Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick; Hon. Secretary, Miss Hutchinson; Medical Advisers, Dr. Murray Leslie, M.A., M.D., M.R.C.P., Edin. and London, Dr. Dundas Grant, M.A., M.D., F.R.C.P.

Upwards of 160 fully-trained nurses have already been supplied, and to-day the value of the French Flag Nursing Corps, which is under the direct control of the Officers of the Medical Department of the French Ministry of War, is incontestable.

Many letters and communications have been received from the surgeons in charge, in which they speak in the highest terms of the courage and devotion of the nurses, which was specially

marked during the bombardment of Bergues, when they themselves carried the wounded into the cellars under heavy fire.

One surgeon writes: "May God bless those who have devoted themselves with so much nobility and unselfishness to the service of our dear French soldiers."

Such testimony speaks for itself, and the Committee feel sure that they have only to appeal to the generous public to assist them to carry on this work, as more funds are urgently needed. The public will readily realise the inevitable expenses incidental to the organisation of such a Corps of Nurses in a foreign country.

The Committee hope soon to have the full complement of nurses at work in France, if they get sufficient financial support. Further information can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, French Flag Nursing Corps, 60, Nevein Square, S.W., and subscriptions will be most gratefully received and acknowledged by the Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, 20, Upper Wimpole Street, Cavendish Square, London, W.

I am, Madam,

Yours faithfully,

M. M. MURRAY

(Chairman, on behalf of the Committee).

A SANITARY NURSING SERVICE.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I was so sorry not to be present on Conference Day, and read the report in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING with much interest. Any one who has lived in Bedford since billeting began, cannot fail to agree with your suggestion that a Sanitary Nursing Service for the Army should be organized—and that soon. I am of your opinion that the lack of domestic and nursing organization in connection with billets has resulted in a serious amount of sickness and suffering amongst our soldiers. What do young officers know about domestic management and nursing? Nothing. Skilled dietitians and food inspectors are also urgently needed to prevent the huge waste in camps, which at this time, when food is so expensive, appears to me more than careless, indeed absolutely criminal.

Yours truly,

ECONOMIST.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS.

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.

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