

Euphemia Brown, Nurse May Hall, and Nurse Margaret Taylor Buckham.

CERTIFICATES FOR THE EXAMINATION OF THE CENTRAL MIDWIVES' BOARD.

Sister Isabella Smith and Nurse Lily Thom (in absentia).

HEALTH PRIZES AND CERTIFICATES.

First year : 1, Nurse Brinton ; 2, Nurse Forest ; 3, Nurse Rutter. *Second year* : 1, Nurse Tyzack ; 2, Nurse Agnes Young ; 3, Nurse Pattinson. *Third year* : 1, Nurse Agnes Isabella Young ; 2, Nurse Catherine Cunningham ; 3, Nurse Alice Maud Greenhow.

WOMEN.

The Annual Meeting of the National Council of Women of Great Britain and Ireland will be held in the Y.M.C.A. Hall, Tottenham Court Road, London, on Thursday and Friday, December 7th and 8th, at 10.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. Amendments to the Constitution are to be proposed which deal with curtailing the power of the Council to discuss resolutions.

Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon, D.Sc., Ph.D., F.L.S., of Aberdeen, is the only nominee for the Presidency. The resolutions include the questions of women on Hospital Boards and the establishment of a Nursing Service under the control of the Local Government Board ; both very interesting to nurses.

COMING EVENTS.

December 2nd.—Irish Nurses' Association Meeting of the Executive Committee, 34, St Stephen's Green. 8 p.m.

December 6th to 8th.—Annual meeting of the National Council of Women of Great Britain and Ireland, and special meetings arranged by the Committees. Young Men's Christian Association Hall, Tottenham Court Road, W. Tickets, which must be paid for in advance, and further particulars, may be had from the Secretary, N.U.W.W., Parliament Mansions, Westminster.

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.

ASSOCIATION OF INFANT WELFARE AND MATERNITY CENTRES.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

MADAM,—The Association of Infant Welfare and Maternity Centres, as parent Society of some 500 affiliated Infant Welfare Centres, has received many enquiries with reference to the so-called "Steade System" of infant feeding, and the appeal for £10,000 made in the public press to demonstrate its universal applicability.

The Association has been unable to glean further particulars of the system than those which have appeared in the press. It would, however, advise enquirers to satisfy themselves as to the

following points before lending adherence to the proposed scheme :—

- (1) Is any part of the £10,000, for which appeal is made, to be expended in purchasing the rights of the "Stead System"?
- (2) Is there anything new about this system not already known to the medical profession as a whole, or to those specially engaged in infant welfare work at one or other of the 800 centres which already exist?

As the system up to date has been kept secret, presumably it has not received any medical endorsement, nor, indeed, can it do so, without an infringement of medical ethics, until it is made public.

Signed on behalf of the A.I.W.M.C.

ERIC PRITCHARD, M.D. (*Chairman*).

FLORA SHEPHERD, M.D. (*Hon. Secretary*).

THE DAUGHTERS OF LEAR.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I am a district nurse, and it is my duty to attend better class patients who pay small subscriptions to our Association. Two cases have come under my notice recently which seem to me radically wrong. One, that of a poor widow of a once well-to-do tradesman, who is left entirely alone, suffering from bad heart disease, from which she might pass away at any time. She has two daughters, in their twenties, both away working in Red Cross Hospitals as nurses, whilst I attend upon their very sad and lonely mother, who has much more housework to do than is safe. Neither of these girls is willing to come home. A similar case is that of a very old man ; all his children are away, amongst them two unmarried daughters, who are very busy "doing war work." I call it a shame that in their love of excitement (no patriotism about it in my opinion) these women are permitted to pose as nurses, be guilty of the neglect of their own parents, and leave them to strangers to look after. I think our Committee ought not to allow us to attend such cases ; only, as they are subscribers, I suppose they cannot refuse our services. It seems most wrong and unnatural.

Yours truly,

A DISTRICT NURSE.

[We know of several such cases amongst gentle-people—the very old left entirely to servants, and private nurses engaged to attend them.—ED.]

OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS.

December 16th.—What is anæmia? Why is diet an essential part of its treatment?

December 23rd.—What is leprosy? What progress has been made in its treatment?

We have been compelled to hold over several interesting items this week, owing to the prominence given to the question of State Registration of Nurses.

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