

## COMING EVENTS.

*July 1st-7th.*—National Baby Week. Mass Meeting, July 1st. National Conference on Maternal and Infant Welfare, and Educational Mothercraft Exhibition throughout the week. Central Hall, Westminster. 10.30 a.m. to 8.45 p.m.

*July 2nd.*—Society for State Registration of Trained Nurses. Meeting Executive Committee. 431, Oxford Street, W. 4 p.m.

*July 4th.*—Royal British Nurses' Association. General Council Meeting. 10, Orchard Street, Portman Square, W. 2.45 p.m.

*July 6th.*—Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses. Council Chamber, British Medical Association, 429, Strand, London, W.C. 2.30 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.*

## GLASGOW NURSES' CLUB.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

MADAM,—Having noticed in your paper last week the account of a club for nurses, for which a house has been taken in Bath Street, Glasgow, I think it right to draw attention to the one which already exists at 10, Claremont Terrace. It was started in 1901, at the suggestion of the late Rev. Dr. Donald Macleod, who had the welfare of the nursing profession much at heart. A small committee of ladies was formed to manage it, and a flat at Charing Cross was furnished by subscriptions from friends interested in Glasgow and the neighbourhood. Larger premises had very soon to be acquired, and the present house is admirably adapted to the needs of the club. After the first six years the club has been self-supporting and is under the able management of Miss Roy Reid, who devotes her life to making it a place of rest and comfort to all its members. The house is used as a residence, between sixty and seventy nurses making it their home between cases, and in addition, many use it as a daily club. More than a year ago the club was thrown open (for the duration of the war) to nursing sisters, nurses and V.A.D. nurses from military hospitals, and has been largely taken advantage of. This will show that the welfare of nurses has not been entirely neglected in the past in Glasgow, and that such clubs are a boon to the nursing profession.

I am, Madam, yours, &c.,

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[We have heard that the club referred to is greatly appreciated by those nurses who frequent it, and that our Sisters from overseas are specially welcomed. Glasgow is a vast city, with many hospitals and large staffs of trained nurses, and

we feel sure there is room for additional clubs. That started by the Scottish Nurses' Association in Bath Street, in which some of the most liberal-minded friends of nurses are interested, should prove of real professional value, as we are informed the nurse members are encouraged to manage it as far as possible for themselves. We wish both these centres the success they well deserve.—ED.]

## KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

A Canadian Sister says:—"The trouble over here is that the Matrons have not played the game. In Canada we nurses are one and indivisible—rank and pay do not qualify a woman to dictate to the rank and file, or range herself on the side of Governors of hospitals—this accounts for our satisfactory status and pay.

Dublin Sister writes: "I have been so busy; I meant to answer your correspondent who said that £400 of the English nurses' money had been sent to Ireland, and that 'Irish nurses couldn't have it both ways.' Irish nurses did not ask or want £400 of English money to start a branch of the College of Nursing, Ltd., in Ireland. They did it from London at their own risk, and I do not see what a Nation's Tribute to nurses has to do with that. Let the English nurses protest at the way their guineas are being spent! As a business woman I think their expenses are disgraceful."

A Glasgow nurse says: "We all read 'The Retreat of Ambulance 12.2 in France,' with interest. Trust Scottish nurses for outwitting the Hun."

Trained Nurse: "Talk of topsy-turvydom in the nursing world; it is complete, and if we certificated nurses are to be required to nurse under a *bona fide* or even a six months' trained midwife, it will be time for a general strike. The Peeress-Matron and untrained Commandant should have produced it, and would have done had it not been for Tommy's needs, but to devil for a midwife is just the last straw."

## OUR PRIZE COMPETITION.

## QUESTIONS.

*July 6th.*—What is a parasite? What external parasites attack man? Describe in detail the treatment and management of a case of scabies with special reference to the prevention of the spread of the disease.

*July 13th.*—What points would you endeavour to impress upon a mother as of primary importance for the rearing of a healthy baby?

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