

## ASSOCIATION OF NURSING SUPER-INTENDENTS OF INDIA.

Miss M. Bonsor, Matron of the Indian War Hospitals in Karachi, has been elected President of the Association of Nursing Superintendents of India. Miss Bonsor is one of the earliest members of the Trained Nurses' Association of India, and at one time acted as its Secretary.

The *Nursing Journal of India* announces the appointment, and in offering Miss Bonsor a warm welcome, publishes a charming picture of her, and expresses the opinion that she will assist the growing process of the Associations.

These professional Associations are affiliated to the International Council of Nurses, and have always been represented by delegates at the Triennial Meetings, who have contributed to their professional value and prestige.

## OUTSIDE THE GATES.

On Wednesday, November 6th, the Bill making women eligible to be Members of Parliament passed its third reading in the House of Commons amidst cheers. Attempts to confine it to women over thirty, to enlarge it so that women may sit in the House of Lords, or to prevent a Peeress from sitting in the Commons were negatived.

## TRUE TALES WITH A MORAL.

Doctor: Well, Nurse, now you have a vote I suppose you will be running a woman candidate for Parliament.

Nurse: Quite the reverse. No more bossing by women for me. I have learned my lesson under the untrained commandant. Never again!

## COMING EVENTS.

November 21st.—Royal British Nurses' Association. Lecture, "Ancient Egypt," illustrated by lantern slides, by Miss Murray, Assistant to Professor Flinders Petrie, Botanical Theatre, University College, Gower Street, W.C. Chair, Mrs. Latter. 2.45 p.m. After Lecture, personally-conducted tour of Egyptology Department. The collection, which is said to be second to none in the world, comprises the concrete remains of the entire civilisation, from the finest examples of art, down to the simplest domestic utensils. The lecture will be open to all nurses.

November 23rd.—National Union of Trained Nurses. Meeting to discuss the proposed Ministry of Health. Speakers: Dr. Saleeby and Miss H. L. Pearce. Chair, the Rev. H. R. L. Sheppard, 3, Vere Street, Oxford Street, W. 2.30 p.m.

November 29th.—Annual Meeting of the Grand Council of the National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland, 431, Oxford Street, London, W. 4 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.*

### OPEN CONFESSION GOOD FOR THE SOUL

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

MADAM,—I was at the meeting of the R.B.N.A. on Thursday, and was most interested in all that was discussed. This is the first time I have ever heard the Bills discussed at an open meeting. Perhaps it was unfortunate that the only attempt to explain the College Bill was that of Professor Glaister; he evidently had a long paper to read and quite rightly could not expect the same time as the original speakers, but I think that the College—in the interests of the nurses—should arrange with your Association to have a meeting at which *each* side would read papers. I was disappointed that the Army Matrons present, whom I understand are College members, did not air their views, but left it to "the man from Scotland." Surely Englishwomen with a vote should not require to receive aid from Scotland to uphold and explain the aims of the Company they have joined and which they urge their nurses to join. I myself am a Scotchwoman and I wondered when Professor Glaister pleaded for a longer hearing because he had come from Scotland, whether, like myself, he had travelled third at his own expense, or first class on the guineas of the nurses. Personally, I have not joined the College, the Scottish Nurses' Association, or the Royal British Nurses' Association—being Scotch I look before I leap—but I have very little doubt since the meeting into which camp one ought to leap—the one that can afford to hold an open meeting.

I am, yours truly,

GLASGOW BRED AND BORN.

### KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

Huddersfield Nurse.—Can you tell me if a paid suffrage lecturer, who is now going about lecturing on the Nation's Fund for Nurses, is also paid for this job?

[We do not know, but strongly object to political lecturers—actors and actresses, &c.—presuming to dictate to professional nurses about their economic affairs of which they know nothing. Enquire of Lady Cowdray, 16, Carlton House Terrace, as the prime mover in this objectionable campaign.—Ed.]

### OUR PRIZE COMPETITION.

#### QUESTIONS.

November 23rd.—What precautions would you take if nursing a case of septic pneumonia following influenza?

November 30th.—What do you know of "mustard gas" burns and their treatment?

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