

NURSES' DAY.

We hear the Nurses' Organisations have determined to hold a Reunion if the Nurses' Registration Bill passes into law, with consent. Such an historic function, let us hope, will not be long deferred. It is to be a real Nurses' Day, to open with a special church service of thanksgiving, and to end with a *Conversazione* to meet the Immortals and all the great Nursing Pioneers in history.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS.

We hear from Miss Emily Haswell, Matron, Comité Britannique, Croix Rouge Française, that she has had a delightful time in the "States." She has met many charming women, amongst them Professor Adelaide Nutting and Miss Anna Maxwell, and has gathered much useful information on nursing affairs.

Miss Haswell spent a whole day at Teachers' College, and has also attended many lectures there on nursing and social subjects, delivered under such sympathetic guidance. She has also visited many splendid hospitals, and was greatly impressed with the social service work at the Presbyterian Hospital, where Miss Maxwell and Miss Young most kindly explained this wonderful system of help outside the sick wards.

Miss Haswell returns to Europe via Liverpool this month, so we shall hope to hear full details of her delightful visit to America, where hospitality has been showered upon her, and where she has gathered much information of professional, and general, interest.

TRAMPLED IN THE GUTTER.

The Burdett press emanates from the gutter, and the fact that at last a nurse has had the courage to trample it underfoot at a public meeting of nurses is peculiarly appropriate. Naturally, Sir Henry Burdett casts mud wildly around in his gutter press last week. To repudiate his scurrilous attacks would be waste of good ink. No one attaches the slightest importance to his mendacious statements, his *bêtes noires* the "Fenwicks" least of all. Our advice to Trade Union Nurses is to refuse to be bullied by lay exploiters running "Nursing" Journals.

NURSING ECHOES.

A remarkable cinematograph film entitled "The End of the Road," is about to be released in this country, with the authority of the National Council for Combating Venereal Diseases, and the approval of the Ministry of Health. A special exhibition of this film is being shown on November 7th, at the Alhambra Theatre, at 3 p.m., to members of the London County Council and the Local Authorities of the Home Counties, as well as representatives of the national Press, so that they may have an opportunity of seeing the new undertaking before it is open to the public. The cinematograph film has immense possibilities as an educational factor, which we do not doubt will be brought into very active use in the near future.

The Slum Areas Committee, a sub-committee of the Housing Advisory Council appointed by the Minister of Health, has got to work. The terms of reference are:—

To consider and advise on the principles to be followed in dealing with slum areas, including the circumstances in which schemes of reconstruction, as distinct from clearance, may be adopted, and, as regards cleared areas, the extent to which re-housing on the site should be permitted, and the use of the site for factory or other purposes than housing.

The procedure to be adopted by the Committee was settled. They will examine representative witnesses with experience of actual slum clearance and reconstruction work, and those possessing special knowledge of the problems involved. It was also decided to visit in due course typical slum areas.

Trained district nurses can give a helping hand here. Many of them just love the slums, and by that we do not mean they approve of them, but it is in the slums much of their priceless help has been given for years. We wonder if there is a Queen's Nurse on this Slum Areas Committee. She could a tale unfold.

The middle classes are at last arousing themselves on the skilled nursing question. It is high time they did, as owing to shrinking incomes, the present fees of doctors and nurses cannot be paid by them. But there are millions of middle class people in this country who, by co-operation, can help themselves if they choose. Let them co-operate, and the thing is done. If no one puts out a plan, once the

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