

man, Right Hon. G. H. Roberts, J.P., M.P. Queen's Hall, Langham Place, W. 8.30 p.m.

June 2nd to 11th.—College of Nursing, Ltd.—Scenic Fair, Bingley Hall, Birmingham, in aid of Club Room and Hostel for Trained Nurses in the Three Counties.

June 3rd.—General Nursing Council for England and Wales.—Meeting, Ministry of Health, Whitehall, S.W. 1, 2 p.m.

June 4th.—Royal British Nurses' Association "At-Home" to the members of the Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund, and Residents at the Settlement, Tea, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.

June 5th.—American Nurses' Memorial at Bordeaux.—Corner Stone of New Florence Nightingale College and Home for Nurses, Bagatelle, Bordeaux, by Miss Helen Scott Hay, Chief Nurse, American Red Cross Commission to Europe, 3 p.m.

June 11th to 25th.—Nurses' Missionary League Summer Camp, Sandsend, Yorkshire.

General Nursing Council, for general training, will be eligible for the General Register, and as this Syllabus provides for practical experience in the nursing of infants, children and gynæcology, and the ante-natal care of women, only women nurses can comply with it. This is no injustice to men, who are not trained in, nor do they practise in these branches of nursing. No doubt the Syllabus for the training of male nurses will cover the special work they can practise, and it is much more fair to women nurses that they should be placed on a Supplementary Register."

#### NURSE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT.

Miss Jessie Pratt.—"When Lieut.-Colonel Howard Mummery stated at the recent Nursing Conference that he believed that nurses would make good women members of Parliament, I thought of you, dear Editor. I have always said we should have had our Registration Act twenty years ago if you had been in the House, and we should now have been a well organised profession instead of just beginning to evolve order out of chaos, with ten years' hard work before the General Nursing Council to effect it."

[Winning an election by women will be a very costly proceeding. The only woman in Parliament is the wife of a millionaire, who stepped into his former constituency when he became a Peer. We have plenty of fine women whose work in the House would be invaluable, but without a large central fund to help them win an election, we fear we shall never have the advantage of their special knowledge and talents placed at the disposal of the nation.—ED.]

#### WHY NOT?

C. M. P.: "I have recently returned from America, where I find more and more women are acting as Hospital Superintendents—a position analogous to that of Hospital Secretary. I cannot find that women in the United Kingdom appear to qualify for this work at all. One wonders why. I cannot recall one woman who is Secretary of a General Hospital."

[Women act as secretary to several Women's Hospitals, but we do not know one attached to a General Hospital. Until quite recently women have been rigorously excluded from appointment on Hospital Committees, and even now those selected are usually socially prominent and wealthy persons and not business women.—ED.]

#### PRIZE COMPETITION QUESTIONS.

June 4th.—What are the signs of Prematurity in the new-born child? What are the difficulties which may be encountered in the management of a premature child? How should these be dealt with?

June 11th.—Name some of the superficial injuries to the eye in industry; and how they are treated.

June 18th.—Give twelve rules with reasons for securing health.

### 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.*

#### AN APPEAL TO THE HIGH COURT.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I read with much interest your report of the case of *Till v. The Central Midwives' Board* in the current issue of our JOURNAL, and it brought vividly to my recollection your wisdom and farsightedness in "contending earnestly" for provision for the right of appeal in the Nurses' Registration Act. There have now been—I think—four appeals from the decisions of the Central Midwives' Board. Speaking from memory I believe two have been decided in favour of the Board, and two of the appellant; but, at all events, it shows the wisdom of the provision, and is satisfactory both for the Governing Body when its decisions are upheld, and to the appellant who thinks she has reasonable cause to question the decision arrived at if the High Court decides that such cause exists.

One question which must force itself upon the attention of every thinking nurse, however, is the great cost of an Appeal to the High Court how is it to be met? Few nurses can afford it? Yet if this equitable provision is not to become null and void the question of ways and means must be faced. The Societies of Nurses will do well to consider it.—Yours faithfully,

M.R.B.N.A. & CERTIFIED MIDWIFE.

#### KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

MALE NURSES AND THE GENERAL REGISTER.

Sister Tutor.—"I presume that only nurses who can comply with the training laid down in the Syllabus issued under the authority of the

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