

acquire, more or less permanently, the disastrous methods of their mothers.

I am, dear Madam, yours faithfully,
MENA M. G. BIELBY.
Cranford, Middlesex.

THE COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR EDITOR,—It was with surprise and sadness I read your Editorial of August 20th. It does not sound like you: it seems more like the tone of our "100 per cent." robust Americans whose views are so prominent since the war. I believe, if you knew their inner purposes you would not wish to seem like them.

I will not try to talk about Russia—I am too far away from her; yet English observers of known worth have given quite different accounts. I would like, though, to say this:—

Surely Communism in some form must be the next oncoming phase of human society. It need not be the Russian model (though I believe the dark aspects of that have resulted from the violence of resisting Capitalism), but co-operation, which is really only another word for Communism or Community effort, *must* replace the present system of private profits, wage slavery, economic warfare, and imperialism, or life will not be worth living for any but the few on top. Was not early Christianity Communism, in its local or worldly aspect? And did not the imperialists of that day try to crush it out just as they are doing to-day?

How can it be argued that an intelligent Communism to-day—let us say the nationalising or internationalising of all the natural wealth of the world for the use and service of all mankind, but not for anyone's private profit—would not be a very practical way of translating Christ's teachings into the texture of modern business?

We have a growing section of the Clergy who believe it would, and they are being persecuted by "Big Business" just as the Disciples were persecuted.

It will be lamentable, I think, if nurses, who have felt and grappled with the malign power of a secret Government, now turn, when they have the vote, to use their political tool for the upholding of that power.

Yours sincerely,
LAVINIA L. DOCK.

[The Communistic literature we condemned in our editorial of August 20th was anarchistic in the highest degree, and did not teach Christian Communism, but the overthrow of all law and order; it advocated murder and crime, and that only the one class, those who have no money, have human rights. Such teaching will not right wrongs. We feel sure our dear Miss Dock would be the last to subscribe to teaching so lacking in charity.—ED.]

CONSTRUCTIVE BIRTH CONTROL.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—May I offer a slight correction in connection with your report of the Queen's

Hall meeting on "Constructive Birth Control." This was not in any way associated with the Malthusian League, both the idea and the phrase, "Constructive Birth Control," originating from Dr. Marie Stopes, who, with me this Spring, opened the first Birth Control Clinic in this country, *viz.*, The Mothers' Clinic, 61, Marlborough Road, Holloway, London, N.

The large number of supporters at the Queen's Hall Meeting, which was convened by Dr. Marie Stopes, has led to the formation of a Society, the "C. B. C." for Constructive Birth Control and Racial Progress, with temporary offices at 61, Marlborough Road, Holloway, London, N.

Neo-Malthusianism, which is attached to a definite economic propaganda, differs in many essentials from the attitude of those who, apart from all political considerations, devote themselves to furthering Constructive Birth Control. The objects of the Society are stated in the enclosed pamphlet and membership is open to all, apart from economic, political or religious opinion. Application for membership should be made to me at the offices of the Society.

Yours faithfully,
H. V. ROE,
Hon. Secretary, C.B.C.

Givons Grove, Leatherhead, Surrey.

[We did not intend to give the impression in our issue of September 17th, page 186, that the meeting at the Queen's Hall on Constructive Birth Control was convened by the Malthusian League, or that its Hon. Secretary would give information on the work of any Society other than her own. Both societies are, we feel sure, doing exceedingly valuable educational work.—ED.]

KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

Mrs. G. Fifth Scott.—"Many thanks. The 5s. Competition Prize is being sent to the Save the Children's Fund, so it will not be wasted!"

REPLY TO CORRESPONDENT.

To Mrs. Simpson.—The address of the "Not Forgotten" Association is 86, Ladbroke Road, W. Write to Miss Martha Cunningham, the Organising Secretary; she is the soul of the movement.

PRIZE COMPETITION QUESTIONS.

October 8th.—What changes take place in the nipples: (a) during the first three months of pregnancy, (b) in the first seven days of the puerperium? Name the complications which may occur during the latter period.

October 15th.—How may the Trained Nurse help in the Sex Education of the Child?

October 22nd.—Name four Diseases to which children are liable and the Nursing treatment.

October 29th.—Name some new appliances used in the care of the sick and how they should be applied.

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