

### SALE OF WORK AT SCOTTISH NURSES' CLUB.

The Marchioness of Ailsa, President of the Scottish Nurses' Club, 205, Bath Street, Glasgow, opened a Sale of Work in aid of its extension fund on Saturday last, at the Club. It had, she said, been organised by the nurses themselves, on their own initiative, and by their own effort. Having experienced both the benefit of the Club and the inconvenience of the limited sleeping accommodation they determined to see what they could do towards its extension.

The Sale was well attended, £350 being realised, and more money to come. It is hoped to reach the sum made at a similar sale last year.

### WINTER HATS.

Summer is loth to leave us, but those are wise who realise that the advent of the cold weather cannot long be delayed, and who select in good time the hats which they will need for the coming winter. We commend to the attention of our readers the autumn display of Mme. Mills, Ltd., 296, Regent Street, London, W.1 (next the Post Office), who is now showing her new season's model hats, who takes pride in suiting all styles and purses. Many of our readers are, we know, acquainted with Mme. Mills' establishment, and a high testimony to her success in pleasing them is that those who once go to her for a hat return again and again.

This season's hats are specially attractive, many are designed in rich panne and the beautiful flowers, in lovely fuschia colourings, which are so marked a feature of the best millinery this year; but there are many other delightful models. Our readers will be well advised to pay Mme. Mills a visit, and to do so soon, for her shop always seems full of purchasers, and, of course, early customers secure the best models.

### COMING EVENTS.

October 15th.—Royal British Nurses' Association. Lecture, "An Evening with Kipling," by Miss L. Anderson Parsons. 7.30 p.m.

October 18th.—Opening of Parliament.

October 21st.—Meeting of the East Lancashire Local Centre College of Nursing, Ltd.: Mrs. Bedford Fenwick will speak, by invitation, on "The Rules framed by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales to carry out the Provisions of the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919." Royal Infirmary, Manchester. 4.30 p.m.

October 22nd.—Meeting in Liverpool convened by Miss Worsley, Member General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick will speak on "The Rules framed by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales to carry out the Provisions of the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919." Physics Theatre, Liverpool University. 3 p.m.

October 22nd.—Quarterly Meeting of the Matrons' Council. Claybury Mental Hospital (by kind permission of the Visiting Committee, L.C.C. Mental Hospital, Claybury), Woodford Bridge, Essex. 3 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.*

### KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

PRIVATE NURSES NEED TITLE OF "REGISTERED NURSE."

*Member of the London Co-operation of Nurses:* "We private nurses owe the Registered Nurses' Society a vote of thanks for so promptly availing themselves of State Registration, and thus giving the public a guarantee of efficiency. We are all highly trained nurses on this Co., and I hope we are not going to lag behind. I shall send in my application, and I know our new Lady Superintendent is quite willing to help us with complying with the Rules, and to advise us about papers and certificates. We often think members of the medical profession might support well-trained nurses more than they do, and not supply the semi-trained with good work. Now it is up to us to register with the General Nursing Council and prove to the medical profession that we value legal status as they do, and invite them to loyally recognise our professional proficiency."

### SHUTTLECOCKS NO LONGER.

*Poor-Law Matron.*—"Thank you for last week's Editorial. The assumption of professional knowledge upon the part of the average Poor-Law Guardian is astounding. As you ask, what can they possibly know of trained nursing any more than of medicine or midwifery? I am glad to note that the General Nursing Council, whilst courteously listening to all expressions of opinion, has taken its stand as an expert professional body, entrusted by Parliament to guide and control nursing education, registration and professional discipline. Thus "Registered Nurses" may confidently trust in its determination not to be dictated to by lay employers, who have no right to assume any authority over us outside the institutions they control. Let all well-trained nurses hasten to register and then unite firmly together to protect their professional independence. In the past we have suffered untold humiliation through our own stupidity and selfishness. We have been the shuttle-cock of every exploiter's battledore. That time has now passed, let us hope never to return."

[A large number of interesting letters are held over for want of space.—ED.]

### PRIZE COMPETITION QUESTIONS.

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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