

to the General part of the Register. . . . The Scottish Board of Health, when the rules for future nurses are submitted for their approval, will keep in view the eminent desirability of securing for all nurses a training sufficiently wide to entitle them to registration on the General part of the Register. . . . The local authorities who are responsible for the immensely important departments of infectious diseases . . . may rest assured that the Board will do everything in their power to secure a comprehensive curriculum of education for all nurses.

Question put, and negatived.

RECIPROCITY SECURED.

We heartily congratulate the 237 Nurses of the Glasgow Royal Infirmary, and the members of the Scottish Nurses' Association, on their spirited action, and in securing so straightforward an advocate in the House of Commons as Captain Elliot, to plead their just cause.

Now that the reciprocity question is satisfactorily settled between England, Scotland, and Ireland, may we invite the Nurses of the United Kingdom to keep an eye on the Qualification column of the Register, and to demand with no uncertain voice that their hard-won Certificates are recorded in the published Register.

COMING EVENTS.

November 4th.—National Union of Trained Nurses. General Meeting of Members. 46, Marsham Street, Westminster. 6 p.m.

November 5th.—Royal British Nurses' Association. Concert. 194, Queen's Gate, S.W. Admission free. 8 p.m.

November 6th.—Memorial to Irish Nurses who gave their lives in the Great War. To be unveiled and dedicated. Garrison Church, Dublin. 11 a.m.

November 11th.—"Remembrance Day." Earl Haig's Appeal for Ex-Service Men of all ranks.

November 12th.—Royal British Nurses' Association. Lecture by Sir Frank Dyson, the Astronomer Royal. 3 p.m.

November 17th.—Central Midwives Board. Monthly Meeting, Queen Anne's Gate Buildings, Westminster, S.W. 1.

November 17th.—Leicester Royal Infirmary Nurses' League. Autumn Meeting. Miss Margaret Breay will speak on "The Importance of Trained Nurses Being Registered." Leicester Royal Infirmary. Chair: Miss Vincent, R.R.C. 3.15 p.m.

November 22nd.—Her Royal Highness Princess Mary visits Brighton, to open the new Nurses' Home, at the Royal Sussex County Hospital.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITION.

We have pleasure in awarding the prize this week to Miss M. M. G. Bielby, Cranford, Middlesex. We regret that owing to great pressure on our space we are compelled to hold over until next week her interesting paper on "Psychology." Miss Ruth White also sent an admirable paper.

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.

INDIAN WOMEN AND NURSING.

To the Editor, THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—On reading Miss Swiss' letter with reference to Indian women and nursing in your issue of October 29th, I felt I could not let the subject pass without further remark. I should like to state that the article Miss Swiss refers to on the Lady Hardinge Medical College Hospital, Delhi, is unofficial, and was sent to your paper without the knowledge or sanction of the present authorities of the Hospital at Delhi. On learning that Sisters were required for the Hospital, the article was the outcome of a conviction on my part that intending applicants should not undertake a venture into such an entirely new field of work, viewing the prospect through only rose-coloured glasses. It is not fair to either side. In India we want women who count the cost, and are willing to undertake the work with that spirit as part of their mental equipment.

If, as Miss Swiss says, the statement referred to is likely to be hurtful to the feelings of many conscientious, capable Indian women, to them I tender a sincere apology. The statement was not made in a spirit of critical superiority. I have devoted many years to training Indian women, and hope to devote many more. I sympathise thoroughly with their circumstances and difficulties in nursing, and have a sincere personal regard for many; but the fact must be faced that the Indian nursing profession is still to win its place of honour.

There are some cases of unworthy British nurses, but when British nursing is referred to in general terms it is always an honourable reference due to the profession as a whole.

The questions put by Miss Swiss at the conclusion of her letter are pregnant with matter for thought and discussion, and I would ask you to allow me to trespass further on your space by venturing on a reference to the last question. Do the large hospitals offer every facility for training to well-educated high-caste Indian women? The Lady Hardinge Medical College Hospital, Delhi, has special facilities for the reception of every caste of Indian woman. It is the aim of the Hospital authorities to specialise in the training of only Indian women. I think I am right in stating that it is the only non-missionary Hospital in India that trains only Indian women.

Miss Swiss' name is well known and respected in the Indian nursing world, and her letter gave me a feeling of pleasure and gratitude. If all British women engaged, or to be engaged, in the cause of training Indian nurses were imbued with a similar spirit of sympathy and understanding, Indian nursing would sooner be on the honoured footing one longs for it.

Yours truly,

London, October 30th, 1921. L. E. MACKENZIE.

PRIZE COMPETITION QUESTIONS.

November 12th.—What do you understand by blood transfusion? Describe the process and the precautions to be observed.

November 19th.—What are the principal complications of pregnancy met with in patients attending ante-natal centres and what treatment have you seen prescribed?

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