

organisation of the Central Midwives' Board Examination.

There is an interesting description of private nursing on the South African veld, and we take leave of Sister Ayliff in charge of a ward in her old training school.

Let us hope this sympathetic woman will find time to use her ready pen on future occasions.

ETHEL G. FENWICK.

### COMING EVENTS.

*February 11th.*—Meeting of the National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland, 431, Oxford Street, London, W. 4 p.m.

*February 11th.*—Royal British Nurses' Association. Whist Drive at 194, Queen's Gate, at 8 p.m.

*February 14th and 15th.*—Central Poor Law Conference. Guildhall, E.C.

*February 17th.*—General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Meeting, Ministry of Health, Whitehall, S.W. 2.30 p.m.

*February 17th.*—Nurses' Missionary League. Meeting Nurses' Home, Royal Infirmary, Glasgow. Address by Miss Harrower. 8 p.m.

*February 18th.*—Association of Trained Nurses in Public Health Work. Conference on "The Position of the Trained Nurse in Public Health Work." R.B.N.A. Club, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W. 3 p.m.

*February 18th.*—National Union of Trained Nurses. Annual Meeting, London Branch, 4 p.m., and General Meeting of Members, 5 p.m. Midwives' Institute, 12, Buckingham Street, Strand, W.C.2. Tea 4.30 p.m.

### A WORD FOR THE WEEK.

"Happiness is a species of energy."—*Aristotle.*

For the body we need little more than light air, fresh food, and water; and for the soul no more than work, play, love, and worship.—*Dr. Hildred Carlile.*

### 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.*

#### DELIGHTED WITH STATE CERTIFICATE.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR EDITOR,—I was delighted when I received my State Certificate one day last week—and I know it is to you and to your loyal helpers I owe thanks for it—you have worked hard for the Nursing Profession ever since I first saw you in 1901. I heard you speaking several times, and last in Paris in 1907.

Much thanks and gratitude,

Yours, etc.,

S. M. EDWARDS, "Registered Nurse."  
Brynllan, Efynechtyd,  
Ruthin.

[We are glad the State Certificate has found its way into "gallant little Wales."—ED.]

### KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

#### GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT WILL RESULT.

*Queen's Nurse.*—"I had hoped ere this to see some pronouncement from the General Nursing Council on the Nurse-Midwife position. In this district young women are still being encouraged to join an association which gives them a few months' experience in nursing and pays to have them trained as certified midwives on a contract of three years' service. Why cannot the standard for the poor now be a Registered Queen's Nurse with C.M.B.? Several of these country midwives with a smattering of nursing consider themselves qualified to be 'Registered Nurses,' although they would resent untrained midwives, however highly qualified as nurses, being placed on their Register. Anyway, it isn't fair for ladies of social position to induce young women to think they are going to be professional nurses when their syllabus will not qualify them at the end of three years' work. Great disappointment will result."

#### BLAZING TRAILS.

*Miss Mary Carstairs, N.B.*—"I am always disappointed when there is no book review in the B.J.N., and thank "H. H." and "P. G. Y." for much pleasure and help in selecting what to read. The B.J.N. introduced Zane Grey to me, and I revelled in 'The Roaring U.P. Trail.' I have always longed to help blaze a trail myself, but, alas! all my travels have been imagined through the experiences of others: No money, no time, and home duties."

[This is the fate of many women, but the real explorer heeds none of these things, and a woman has to suffer terribly in helping to "blaze trails," be they moral or physical. The present generation is not touched with the fire of the Elizabethan.—ED.]

#### A FINANCIAL LOSS.

"Interested in Finance."—"Owing to the hold-up of the work of the General Nursing Council by provisional resignations, hundreds of pounds must have been lost in the support of its work. The annual registration fee is 2s. 6d., and by failing to meet in December the annual fees of all those applicants who ought to have been approved have been lost to the 1922 budget; and as the guinea fee is quite insufficient to cover the cost of the administration of a Statutory Council, this is a very serious and deplorable result. If members of the Council resign, let them do it out and out; there are plenty of nurses and others sufficiently interested, and who realise the importance of State Registration, to fill their places. No one should accept office on the G.N.C. who has not got some respect for our pockets."

### OUR PRIZE COMPETITION QUESTIONS.

*February 25th.*—What are the appearances of a varicose ulcer which has been (a) neglected, (b) treated properly for a week? What is the usual treatment for a varicose ulcer?

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