

VITMAR.

Nothing is sadder to see, and nothing is more prejudicial to health in after-life than malnutrition in an infant or young child, and one of the causes is the lack of vitamins in the diet of the expectant or nursing mother. We commend to the notice of such mothers, and also to the authorities of hospitals and kindred institutions, the value of Vitmar, a palatable cream, taken eagerly by children, as a nourishing and easily assimilated food adjunct for both mother and child. It contains the three principal vitamins, and is made by a new process from uncooked materials, so intimately blended that the 20 per cent. of fat contained cannot be detected. It is obtainable from Callard & Co., 74, Regent Street, London, W.1, who will be pleased to send free samples and special prices to institutions on request.

WORD FOR THE WEEK.

THE WISH.

Hoc est summum mei, caputque voti.

A little house, a quiet wife,
Sufficient food to nourish life,
Most perfect health, and free from harm,
Convenient cloths to keep me warm.
The liberty of foot, and mind,
And grace the ways of God to find.
This is the summe of my desire,
Until I come unto heaven's quire.

("Some Contributions to the English Anthology, 17th Century.") By Rowland Watkyns.

COMING EVENTS.

June 30th.—Royal British Nurses' Association. Annual Meeting. Her Royal Highness, Princess Christian, the President, will preside. 194, Queen's Gate, S.W. 5.30 p.m.

July 1st.—Hammersmith District Nursing Association, Nightingale Shore Home, 10, Mall Road, Hammersmith. Opening by H.R.H. Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, of the Home and the Guest Room. 3 p.m. Tea after the ceremony.

July 7th.—Hostel of St. Luke, Fitzroy Square, W. H.R.H. Princess Christian to lay the foundation stone of new building.

July 8th.—General Meeting League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, Clinical Theatre. Social Gathering, Great Hall, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C. 3 p.m.

July 11th to 14th.—Fifth International Neo-Malthusian and Birth Control Conference, Kingsway Hall, Kingsway, W.C. Opens 10 a.m.

July 13th.—General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Conference, by invitation, on the Examination Syllabus, with representatives of the Training Schools and of the Association of Poor Law Unions. Rooms of the Royal Society of Medicine, 1, Wimpole Street, London, W. 11 a.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.

NURSING STAFF INDIGNANT.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—The report of June 24th, 1922, of the proceedings of the General Nursing Council with reference to this Hospital has caused great indignation amongst the Nursing Staff.

Paddington Hospital has been a Nurse Training School since 1900, and now, owing to unauthorised and erroneous statements, has had its name referred back by the General Nursing Council from inclusion in the list of recognised training schools.

Paddington Hospital had as its first Matron Miss Jane Styring, one of the Pioneers in Infirmary Training, under whom and succeeding Matrons there has been a history of steady progress and development in the training of Nurses.

As to the statement *re* Male Nurses, I beg to say that their help is only a temporary measure owing to the shortage of Female Nurses, and in no case do they "run" any of the Wards, there being a Sister in charge and a Senior Female Nurse in every Ward; also the Acute Male Wards are entirely nursed by Female Nurses with the addition of a Male Nurse for screen cases.

Yours faithfully,

G. E. COPEMAN,
Matron.

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Harrow Road, W. 9.

DEFENCELESS REGISTERED NURSES.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I notice in the report of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, published in your last issue, that a letter was read in which the writer enquired whether the Council had not thought any revision of the Rules necessary to enable them to deal with applications on their individual merits, and emanating, as this suggestion undoubtedly does, from the College of Nursing, Ltd.—members of which are apprehensive at the statement made by Dr. Goodall that "it was quite obvious that a number of members of the College of Nursing, Ltd., would not be eligible to come on to the State Register because their training was insufficient"—it is not surprising; because, in that case, what becomes of the College pledge that its members should automatically and without further fee come on to the State Register when the Nurses' Registration Bill was passed?

It is perfectly plain that it is desired there should be a revision of the Rules to bring the qualifications of these ineligible members into line, so that the Council of the College Co. can

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