

COMING EVENTS.

September 30th.—Meeting of the Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council and Delegates from Nurses' Organisations: To discuss the forthcoming election of Registered Nurses' Representatives on the General Nursing Council. 431, Oxford Street, W. 5 p.m.

September 30th.—The Scottish Nurses' Club, 203, Bath Street, Glasgow. Sale of Work. Opening by the Marchioness of Ailsa. 2 p.m.

September 30th.—Prince of Wales' General Hospital. Ninth Grand Water Festival in aid of the Hospital at Tottenham Baths. Life saving competition, diving and swimming exhibition. Nurses to compete for "The Holmes Vase." 7.30 p.m.

October 4th.—Naval Medical War Memorials. Unveiling at Plymouth Royal Naval Hospital, Plymouth. 3 p.m.

October 5th.—The Nurses' Missionary League Valedictory Meetings. University Hall, Gordon Square, W.C. 10.30 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.

October 6th.—General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Conference with representatives of the Association of Poor Law Unions. 11.30 a.m. Special Meeting, 2.30 p.m.

October 6th.—"Our Day and the Prince's Day," in support of the London Combined Appeal for the Hospitals.

October 6th.—Professional Union of Trained Nurses. Dance, Holborn Hall, Holborn, London, W.C.

October 7th.—Meeting of Matrons of Infectious Hospitals to discuss forming a Fever Nurses' Section of the Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council. South-Western Fever Hospital, Stockwell, S.W. 3 p.m.

October 7th.—Royal British Nurses' Association Club, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W. Lecture by Major Rigg, O.B.E., on "London's Guilds, Past, Present and Future." 4.15 p.m.

October 14th.—Royal British Nurses' Association Club, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W. "Not Forgotten." The Domestic Staff will entertain the Gentlemen from St. Dunstan's. 6 to 10 p.m.

October 20th.—Whipps Cross Hospital, Leytonstone, E.: Nurses' Reunion. Apply to the Matron.

INFANT CARE.

The National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality and for the Welfare of Infants have arranged a Course of Elementary Lectures on Infant Care, intended for Crèche Nurses and Probationers, at Carnegie House, 117, Piccadilly, W., on Thursdays, at 7.30 p.m., from October 5th to December 7th. The Lecturer for the Course is Dr. Flora Shepherd, Medical Officer for Maternity and Child Welfare, Assistant Medical Officer of Health, Hornsey.

A WORD FOR THE WEEK.

Slavery is but half abolished, emancipation but half completed, while millions of freemen with votes in their hands are left without education.—*Robert Charles Winthrop.*

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.

A CASE FOR CONSIDERATION.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I venture to protest, even if too late, on behalf of those Male Nurses unfortunate enough to have their training interrupted through having served their country in H.M. Forces during the late war.

The Nursing Council have decided that, unless a Candidate for Registration has completed his or her three years' training prior to November 1st, 1919, they are in the intermediate class of Nurses and penalised to the extent of having to pay two guineas instead of one guinea for Registration.

A Male Nurse beginning his training in 1914, but preferring to serve his country in a fighting unit, instead of serving in the R.A.M.C. and serving throughout the war, and only being able to complete his training after demobilisation, surely deserves some consideration instead of being penalised.

Had he served in the R.A.M.C. no penalty would have been exacted and he would get on to the Register without question.

Another Male Nurse, with eighteen months' training previous to joining, up was unable to complete his training within the stipulated time as laid down by the Nursing Council and is likewise penalised, and there must be scores of such cases.

The so-called Intermediate Nurse and the penalty attached is altogether wrong, and is there any wonder that Male Nurses as a body are very unwilling to Register, holding as they do that no understanding or sympathy exists in the present Nursing Council with the aspirations of Male Nurses as a whole.

Faithfully yours,

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Manchester Square, W. 1.

[We suggest that our correspondent should place the case of Male Nurses before the General Nursing Council; we sympathise with his argument.—Ed.]

OUR PRIZE COMPETITION QUESTIONS.

October 7th.—Explain the effect high altitudes (e.g., the Alps) would have on a patient with a weak heart.

October 14th.—What are the causes, symptoms and treatment of surgical shock?

October 21st.—Describe the preparation of the patient, after treatment, and nursing, of a case of Hæmorrhoids.

October 28th.—What are the four principal causes of maternal mortality in order of importance, and how can they be prevented?

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