

even larger majority than at the last election; to give him their votes if they have the right to exercise them; to work for him by acting as canvassers, or by giving clerical help at his Committee Rooms, and, if they are not actively engaged in nursing, by putting themselves at the disposal of his agents at his Committee Rooms at 5, Mornington Crescent, N.W.1, to do any work which from day to day needs doing, in the brief fortnight before the election. It will, we know, be a pleasure to many nurses to render this service. It is also a debt of honour.

AT THE SIGN OF THE PLANE TREE.

The time-honoured plan of hanging out a sign appears to be coming into favour once more, and those who pass along the busy thoroughfare of Tottenham Court Road, who look to the right down Great Russell Street, will see at No. 106 the sign of the Plane Tree, an indication that under its shade in summer-time meals are served *al fresco*, and that at all times dainty lunches and teas are obtainable, at most moderate cost, and that unflinching courtesy is assured. Thus a pot of freshly-made tea, with a large delicious, home-made scone and butter, can be had for 6d., and dainty cakes, Devonshire cream, and other delectable dainties are specialities of the house. We advise any of our readers wishing to lunch or have tea in this district to be at some pains to discover the Plane Tree Restaurant, if they do not already know it. We predict that, once discovered, they will make it a frequent house of call. Delicious chocolates are also a speciality of the house, and catering is undertaken for private parties, entertainments, dances, &c.

COMING EVENTS.

November 2nd.—Public Meeting. Election Addresses by Candidates nominated to the General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Councillor Beatrice Kent in the Chair. All Nurses cordially invited to be present. 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London, W. 5 p.m.

November 3rd.—Notice of the forthcoming Election published. Nomination papers to be procured from the office of the General Nursing Council, 12, York Gate, Regent's Park, London, N.W.1.

November 24th.—Nomination papers, signed by the candidate and by six Registered Nurses who propose her or him, to be delivered to the Returning Officer at 12 York Gate, Regent's Park, N.W., before noon.

A GENEROUS BEQUEST.

Surgeon Lieutenant-Colonel Donald Elcum, I.M.S. (retired), of Claverton Street, S.W., has left ultimately to Guy's Hospital for beds, to be called "The Charles Frederick Elcum" beds, in memory of his father, formerly a student there, a generous legacy. The amount of the bequest to the hospital will be about £15,000.

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.

TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION AND CONTROL.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I attended a meeting in Sheffield recently, where Miss Sherriff-Macgregor, the paid Organising Secretary of the College of Nursing, Ltd., brought forward the names selected by the College for election to the General Nursing Council, as if no one else had been nominated or was standing for election. Not a word was said about the unjust Rule 9 (A) specially thrust through Parliament to secure speedy registration of College and Royal Free Hospital Nurses, without producing either a certificate, or *certified* copy of a certificate, by such applicants to the Council.

A grossly unjust Rule, and for which many of us will never forgive its promoters.

Sheffield nurses feel left out in the cold, and some of us see no reason why St. Thomas' Hospital is to have two resident representatives—the Matron and Sister Tutor—and think the latter might well stand down and make room for a Sister Tutor from Yorkshire—the largest County in England.

We progressive nurses see little hope of justice until the whole G.N.C. is elected by the nurses; as at present we gather from reports the doctors and laity control almost entirely the whole power in the Council and spending of our money; as you rightly remark, "taxation without control."

Yours truly,
A SHEFFIELD INDEPENDENT.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITION QUESTIONS.

November 11th.—Explain the preparation and materials necessary for the application of a plaster cast. Describe the process of applying a body cast, and the points to which the nurse who assists the surgeon should pay special attention.

November 18th.—What are the duties and responsibilities of a Registered Nurse in regard to the forthcoming elections of direct representatives for England and Wales, Scotland or Ireland?

November 25th.—Why is the purity of milk and the clean handling and distribution of milk of vital importance to the nation? What points are of special importance in this connection?

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