

### PREMIER PEARLS.

One must be an abnormal person not to appreciate a gift of pearls, and a most acceptable and inexpensive present would be a necklace of Premier Pearls, such as that illustrated on page iii of our back cover. Go and visit Mr. Tom Davis at Premier House, 150, Southampton Row, W.C. 1, and inspect these charming pearls. You will not come away without them.

### A NURSE'S PRAYER.

I dedicate myself to Thee,  
O Lord, my God! This work I undertake  
Alone in Thy great name, and for Thy sake.  
In ministering to suffering I would learn  
The sympathy that in Thy heart did burn  
For those who on life's weary way  
Unto diseases divers are a prey.  
Take, then, mine eyes, and teach them to perceive  
The ablest way each sick one to relieve.  
Guide Thou my hands,  
That e'en their touch may prove  
The gentleness and aptness born of love.  
Bless Thou my feet, and while they softly tread  
May faces smile on many a sufferer's bed.  
Touch Thou my lips, guide Thou my tongue,  
Give me a word in season for each one.  
Clothe me with patient strength all tasks to bear.  
Crown me with hope and love, which know no fear,  
And faith, that coming face to face with death  
Shall e'en inspire with joy the dying breath.  
All through the arduous day my actions guide,  
And through the lonely night watch by my side,  
So shall I wake refreshed, with strength to pray  
"Work in me, through me, with me, Lord, this day!"

### COMING EVENTS.

November 17th.—Meeting General Nursing Council, Ministry of Health, Whitehall. 2.30 p.m.

November 18th.—London Temperance Hospital Nurses' League. "At Home." Address by Miss Millman, Secretary British Empire Union. Councillor Beatrice Kent in chair. 8 to 10 p.m.

November 23rd.—Victoria Hospital for Children, Chelsea. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to open the Princess Mary Home and Physio-Therapy Department. Nurses' Bazaar in aid of Funds.

November 23rd.—Royal British Nurses' Association Club, 194, Queen's Gate. Dance, 8 to 12. Evening or fancy dress.

November 25th.—West Middlesex Hospital, Isleworth, Nurses' League Winter Re-union. Tea 3 to 5 p.m.; Dinner 7 p.m.

December 2nd.—League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, General Meeting and Social Gathering. 3 p.m.

December 7th.—Glasgow Royal Infirmary. Nurses' League Reunion Dinner. Trades House, Glasgow. 7.45 p.m.

### WORD FOR THE WEEK.

"The debt of honour the nation owes to the disabled men can never be forgotten, and I undertake that the training schemes shall not only be continued, but that they shall be closely examined with a view to their general improvement if possible."—*The Prime Minister.*

### 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.*

#### THE PRESTIGE OF PRIVATE NURSING.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—On behalf of Private Nurses who are members of this Association I wish to support most strongly Miss Cartwright's remarks in her very able letter in your issue of last week. Private nurses who work for this Association, those who are members of the Society of Chartered Nurses and many others who, like Miss Cattell, have fine practices of their own, must feel that it is unspeakable that there should even be a suggestion that a nurse possessing a qualification inferior to their own, should be put forward as good enough to represent them on the General Nursing Council. It is the old story of depreciating nursing standards, and if private nurses adopt this candidate upon the recommendation of the College Council they will be held in just the estimation they deserve.

Since Miss Bremner's election address was published last week I go further and say that she is, in my opinion, unsuited to represent *British* nurses because in it she advances inaccurate information. In that address Miss Bremner tells those whose suffrages she is seeking, that she holds a Conjoint Certificate from the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh and the Northampton Nursing Institute. Miss Bremner holds no such certificate. The Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh never issued its Certificate conjointly with any Private Nursing Institute either in Northampton or elsewhere, nor has it ever shown that it regards Private Nursing (for which, by the way, the fees of fully-trained nurses were paid) as training. I went to the Royal Infirmary shortly after Miss Bremner left it; she had two years' training as a probationer there, without receiving the certificate of the hospital, and then did Private Nursing for an Institute in Northampton. Hitherto, I have refrained from Press comment upon Miss Bremner's qualification when I found her entered in the published Register of the College as holding a certificate and later applying for election to its Council as a *representative of private nurses*. When, however, it comes to giving incorrect information to the electorate of the General Nursing Council, a Statutory Body, on coming forward as a candidate for election on it, the matter is, to say the least of it, serious, and, as one of the Registered Nurses, I now challenge Miss Bremner to produce the Conjoint Certificate which, in her election address, she tells me she holds from the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, and the Institute at Northampton.

I may add that I have spoken to several nurses trained at the Royal Infirmary, since Miss Bremner's election address appeared and neither they

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