

predicted by political astrologers, and which will eventually lead to the day when it will be the mother and the nurse, rather than the banker and the politician, who will mould and shape the destinies of the race.

ALEX. ILOVAISKY.

#### “INSULIN” ON SALE.

“Insulin,” the new treatment for diabetes, which was discovered by Canadians, Dr. F. G. Banting and Mr. Best, working in Toronto, has now been put on the market. It is prepared from the pancreas of cattle and sheep, and the supply is very limited. It is given as an injection. Hospitals, therefore, have first call upon it, and any surplus supply is available only to physicians who are known to understand its proper use. The English manufacturers licensed by the Medical Research Council to manufacture it have fixed the price of their preparation at 2s. 6d. per dose. The distribution is still subject to the direction of the Medical Research Council, but this condition is expected to be of short duration.

#### COMING EVENTS.

*April 20th.*—General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Monthly Meeting: Ministry of Health, Whitehall. 2.30 p.m.

*April 22nd.*—Royal British Nurses' Association Club, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W. Meeting Literary and Debating Society. 8 p.m.

*April 28th.*—Lecture on Florence Nightingale by Miss Kathleen Smith. 8 p.m.

*April 30th.*—Literary and Debating Society. “Dickens' Dream Children.”

*April 26th.*—The Wedding Ball, in aid of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses. At Lansdowne House, London, W. All the Royalties are Patrons.

*May 3rd.*—Nurses' Missionary League Council Meeting. University Hall, Gordon Square, W.C.

*May 4th.*—The London Homœopathic Hospital, Great Ormond Street, W.C. The Matron and Nursing Staff beg to announce a Bazaar to provide new bedsteads and bedding. H.H. Princess Helena Victoria will open the Bazaar at the Hospital at 3 p.m. Tea from 4 p.m. Suppers from 7.30 p.m.

#### A LYRIC.

Would you know how daffodils  
First came to be?  
Bubbles they of sleepy laughter  
Breaking lightly free  
From the lips of waking dryads  
Stirring drowsily;  
Loth to leave their wintry couches  
Ere a leaf is on the tree.

Rosalind Caroline Travers (Mrs. Hyndman).

#### 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.*

#### KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE

FROM ONE OF MANY ADMIRERS.

*Miss Lucy C. Cooper, District Nurse, Queenborough, writes:* “It was with great relief I read that Miss Margaret Breay was able to join her family after her very unfortunate accident, and I sincerely trust we shall soon hear that she has quite recovered. Too much praise cannot be given to her for all the work she has done for her beloved nursing profession in general, and for our JOURNAL and its aims; and I know you will rejoice more than anyone that she was spared a more serious fate.

“I cannot express my regret sufficiently that you are not now on the G.N.C. One feels that the greatest support of our interests is gone from the Council. We are to be congratulated on your continued interest on our behalf.”

BLAMING THE NURSE.

*An Eminent Surgeon writes:* “I fully agree with your note in the B.J.N. on the responsibility of the anaesthetist. It is monstrous to blame the Theatre Sister. I had already written to the *Lancet* to the same effect, and protesting against putting such a responsibility on a nurse.”

*Hospital Sister.*—“Quite time medical women were made responsible for their own carelessness; we poor nurses have enough responsibility without being blamed for the mistakes of others. The ‘rider’ of the Watford jury was most unjust.”

“CARE IS ALL STUFF.”

*Miss M. M. G. Bielby, Cranford, writes:* “In her defence of smoking, by the assertion that she indulges in it in order to feel that ‘care is all stuff,’ your correspondent unwittingly accepts the fact that the inception of every drug habit is chiefly due to the refusal to face the discomfort cares inflict, and to deal with it courageously.

It is precisely the emotional type, when lacking moral courage, which is most easily drawn to the slippery path of drugs—alcohol, tobacco, and others—with its certain end of injury, if not utter ruin, to mind, body and soul.

Psychologists teach us that there is one effectual method of countering care, namely, to assert our supremacy over the brain mind, and either to deal resolutely with cares as they attack us, or to put them out of our minds until a suitable hour for settling them strikes.”

#### OUR PRIZE COMPETITION QUESTIONS.

*May 5th.*—Describe (a) the possible causes of, (b) the treatment and nursing of, a case of cellulitis of the hand.

*May 12th.*—Name six palatable temperance drinks for the sick and how to make them.

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