

## COMING EVENTS.

November 8th.—Leicester Royal Infirmary Nurses League. Meeting at the Great Central Hotel, Marylebone. 3.15 p.m.

November 9th.—Meeting Grand Council, National Council of Trained Nurses, 431, Oxford Street, London, W. Tea 4. Meeting 4.30 p.m.

November 10th.—Remembrance Day.

November 10th.—Royal British Nurses' Association Club, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W. Recital, by Miss Anderson Parsons. 3 p.m.

November 11th.—Armistice Day.

November 14th.—Six Point Group Meeting. Subject: "Child Assault." Kingsway Hall. Chair: Viscountess Rhondda. 8 p.m.

November 16th.—Meeting General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Ministry of Health, Whitehall, S.W. 2.30 p.m.

November 21st.—National Milk Conference. Council Chamber, Guildhall, London, E.C. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Fee £1 is.

## 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.

## CERTIFICATED NURSES MUST SHOW FIGHT.

*Certificated Nurse.*—"I note that in Miss Cowlin's support at G.N.C. meeting of placing totally untrained women alphabetically on the General Part of the Register with trained and certificated nurses, she would like to do us certificated nurses still greater injury by depriving us of the record of our hard-earned qualifications—our hospital certificates—granted to us after years of training and work. Can this College group, in their jealousy of the State Register, accomplish their cruel policy by any means? 'S.R.N. is no distinction now, but 'Certificated Nurse' is. Surely if Miss Cowlin and her colleagues try to degrade us still further we have some redress, as we have paid for the entry of our qualifications under the First Schedule of the Rules."

[Parliament has approved the First Schedule, providing that Registered Nurses shall have the record of their certificates published in the Register, and unless they prove themselves totally unfitted for professional status they will rise as one woman, should Miss Cox-Davies, Miss Cowlin, and the reactionary group of College Matrons on the G.N.C. attempt again to perpetrate what in our opinion amounts to a crime. Join the Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council, 431, Oxford Street, London, W.1, Subscription 1s., and thus be prepared to defend your professional rights. We feel sure the Governors of the majority of Training Schools and Boards of Poor-Law Guardians will help their certificated nurses to protect their hard-earned certificates, should any further attempt be made to deprive them of such qualifica-

tions. As soon as the State certificate is awarded by the G.N.C. after examination, it will be imperative for those nurses, trained and certificated by the hospitals, to possess and have recorded on the Register this *valuable evidence of training and examination*. Moreover, now that the College policy of depreciating the State Register has been accomplished by the Chapple modification, permitting totally untrained persons to be placed on the General Part of the Register, and the G.N.C. is placing such persons alphabetically on the list with certificated nurses, any further deprivation of professional recognition to certificated nurses *will spell professional ruin for them in the future*.

The R.N.P.C. will fight any such attempted injury by Miss Cox-Davies and her followers on the G.N.C. with the utmost determination, throughout the country and in Parliament; personally, if any attempt is made to delete evidence of training against the entry of our name on the Register we shall apply to the Courts for an injunction to restrain the G.N.C. from inflicting professional damage, and thousands of certificated nurses will follow our example. Now that our courageous President, Councillor Beatrice Kent, has been elected on to the Executive Committee of the National Council of Women, the Council will have an able exponent of the rights of Registered Nurses on that body of representative women, when nursing is under discussion. Justice to certificated nurses and patients stand and fall together.—ED.]

## DOPED WITH PLATITUDES.

*Private Nurse.*—"Would it be possible for you to reprint the letters signed by Miss Rundle as College Secretary, asking members of the College in 1919, to wreck the Nurses' Registration Bill promoted by the Central Committee, and also the other letter signed by her sent—I think last December—to the G.N.C., proposing that all untrained persons—I can't call them nurses—should be registered in the General Part of the Register. At this Club we nurses have nearly come to blows on these questions, College members denying that any such letters have ever been written, and I know they have because I have seen them in print. Of course, such letters are never printed in the *College Bulletin*, and their members are just doped with any platitudes inserted by its controllers. This publication is a 'charity,' and would have little or no circulation if the members had to pay for it."

[We have printed both letters on previous occasions and will republish them as soon as we have space.—ED.]

## OUR PRIZE COMPETITION QUESTIONS.

November 17th.—Define and briefly indicate the treatment required for the following conditions:—

- (1) Vesicular mole.
- (2) Incomplete abortion.
- (3) Tubal pregnancy.
- (4) Accidental hæmorrhage.
- (5) Tonic contraction of uterus.

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