

COMING EVENTS.

November 5th.—Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, R.B.N.A. Club, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W. 7, 3 p.m.

November 7th and 8th.—Nurses' Missionary League. Sale of Work, 135, Ebury Street, London, S.W. 1.

November 15th.—National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland. Annual Meeting, 431, Oxford Street, London, W. 1. 3 p.m.

November 21st.—General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Monthly Meeting, Ministry of Health, Whitehall, London, S.W.

November 22nd.—Lecture by Miss Mary Chadwick. "How Psychology may help the Nurse," 6, Guilford Place, Russell Square, London, W.C. 1. 3 p.m. Single lecture 1s.

November 29th.—Isleworth Nurses' League, Winter Re-Union, West Middlesex Hospital, Isleworth.

ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION CLUB CALENDAR.

November 4th.—Ramblers' Club visit places of interest in Chelsea, leaving 194, Queen's Gate, at 2 p.m.

November 14th.—Annual Dance, at 8 p.m. Tickets 5s. inclusive of refreshments.

November 22nd.—Lecture to Public Health Nurses, by R. King-Brown, Esq., M.D., D.P.H., at 3 p.m.

Sale of Work for Princess Christian Memorial. Probable date November 26th (to be confirmed later).

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.

NURSING CONDITIONS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR EDITOR,

I have been asked by several English nurses who have recently come to Canada, and to British Columbia in particular, to send you a letter regarding the conditions for nurses coming to this province.

We are in the position of having many more excellently trained nurses in British Columbia than we can get work for, and it is anything but a good field for any nurse, no matter how excellent her qualifications may be. The S.R.N. is not recognised except where there has been an examination by the G.N.C. Board, and then only for nurses who have graduated after three years' general training, which must include surgical, medical, obstetrical, gynaecological and paediatric teaching and practice in the wards. As few, if any, of your hospitals give the obstetrical training in the general course, we require either the C.M.B. certificate in addition to the usual general certificate, or evidence of training in obstetrical wards of hospitals of good standing. No nurse can even write on our Registered Nurses' Examination who has not had actual training in all these branches, and an examination must be written by them here. The situation this year is particularly acute as now, under the law of the United States of America, no British-born person may obtain permission to the U.S.A. after the quota for that Nation is filled up, and, for a long time in advance, there is no chance for a British-born nurse getting into the States except as a tourist. She can get there six months or less as a tourist, under a permit and the payment of a bond of \$500.00, which is forfeited and the nurse deported if she stays over the time.

Time and again I am told by nurses that they left good positions in England to come to British Columbia under the impression that there was plenty of work. Please believe me when I tell you that I am truly anxious as to what the nurses already here are to do, and certainly there is no chance for any nurse to come here without a plentiful supply of money to last several months.

There is not the slightest discrimination against English nurses here, but the mere fact that in our training schools in the province we are graduating more nurses each year than we can find employment for, shows that if these well and favourably known nurses cannot find work, the stranger, no matter how well equipped she may be, cannot hope to get established till after months of weary waiting for cases. Hospital positions have plenty of well-known nurses waiting for them, and the Public Health field is not large, and the demand is for only such nurses as have had a special course in Public Health in a University.

Hoping that through your large connection with the nurses of England you can keep them from coming to Canada expecting plenty of work and real need for their services.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

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[It is interesting to note that Miss C. Reimann, Hon. Secretary of the International Council of Nurses, states in the *Bulletin* that within the last few years there have been too many nurses in Denmark according to the present need of the population. The Nurses' Association has over 5,000 active members to a population of three million of people. An earnest request was therefore lately made by the Association to all Nursing Schools, asking them for the future to employ one graduate nurse to every two pupil nurses—a request which she anticipates will probably be granted as quickly as other requests made by the Association.—ED.]

KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

APPRECIATION FROM U.S.A.

Miss Edna L. Foley, Superintendent of the Visiting Nurse Association of Chicago, writes:—"I am sorry the JOURNAL has become a monthly, but I have often wondered at the tremendous energy that made it possible for it to remain a weekly. I presume that you are as swamped with magazines as we are (alas! yes—unprofessionally edited—ED.), and perhaps your monthly paper gets more carefully read than a weekly can be read in this day of too much printing press.

After I have read the magazine, I pass it around among the nurses, giving it finally to two of our staff who had their training in Glasgow; so it receives a pretty general distribution and is very much appreciated and liked."

[Advertisers should note that their "ad." is not consigned to the waste paper basket when read by one subscriber.—ED.]

Miss Cora E. Simpson, R.N., General Secretary Nurses' Association of China:—"To-day I have sent our Conference Report to you. Greetings from wonderful old China."

PRIZE COMPETITION FOR DECEMBER.

Mention some of the common gastro-intestinal disturbances in infants, their causes, and the treatment you have seen employed.

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