

It was stated that the only fault to be found with the nurses in Leeds was that there were not enough of them. The city could do with twice as many nurses on district work, and still not have too many.

Miss P. Richards, Secretary of the Carmarthen District Nursing Association, is appealing for the gift of a lady's bicycle for the use of the District Nurse. Any offers will be gratefully received by Miss Richards, 20, Picton Terrace, Carmarthen.

Some excellent Lectures are being organised at the Scottish Nurses' Club, Bath Street, Glasgow, which are very well attended.

Those ladies who were primarily responsible for the establishing of the Nurses' Club at Perth have reason to be gratified that the institution, on behalf of which they worked so hard, has taken its place with such success in the social life of the community. In premises at 5, Atholl Crescent, many young women engaged in city who come from long distances find indeed "a home from home."

The League of Red Cross Societies is establishing a new International Course for Nurse-Administrators, and Teachers of Schools for Nurses, at Bedford College for Women, University of London, in conjunction with the College of Nursing, Ltd., in order to meet the demand for specially prepared nurses to fill positions as Matrons or Directrices of Schools for Nurses and to act as Teachers and Sister-Tutors in Nursing Schools. As students are expected from different countries, where practice and customs differ, it has been decided that each one will be given an individual course, based on previous education, professional training, and experience.

The work of all students will include: Principles of Hospital Administration, Nursing School Administration, Educational Psychology and Methods of Teaching, History of Nursing, Principles of Institutional Care and Practical Work. Only nurses graduated from courses of at least two years' training will be considered. Preference will be given those who are already appointed to executive or teaching positions in schools.

Bread cast on the waters returns after many days. Not always, as now, in the form anticipated by those who started it on its career.

Years ago, with the late Miss Isla Stewart, on behalf of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, we laid before the Council of Bedford College the desirability of such a course for those preparing for posts as hospital matrons and teachers of nurses. Negotiations extended over a considerable time, and Miss L. L. Dock, Hon. Secretary International Council of Nurses, on one of her visits to London took the opportunity of calling upon Miss Tuke, Principal of Bedford College, to enlist her interest and influence.

Just as the long negotiations reached a promising stage the Matrons' Council was informed that, at the request of the authorities of St. Thomas's Hospital, a

similar course had been established at King's College for Women, and, as it was important that the Women's Colleges should avoid all appearance of rivalry, the Bedford College authorities could not pursue the matter further, and there the matter remained until revived as above related.

Thus the jealous rivalry of St. Thomas's Hospital prevented the adoption of the Matrons' Council's proposals at Bedford College! Such an international course must enlarge the outlook of those who participate in it, and in turn, we hope, provide the Nurse-Training Schools with matrons and teachers enthusiasts as to Nursing Education, conversant with its needs, and with a sympathetic understanding of the outlook of coming generations of nurses.

Miss Jentie Paterson is continuing her triumphant "Child Welfare" Tour in South Africa, and is good enough to send us a pile of matter worthy of publication, but for which, alas! we have little space this month. In her lectures Miss Paterson lays stress on the necessity of getting hold of the educated classes and teaching them how really ignorant they are of mothercraft. Free tuition in mothercraft should be given to women of all ranks. This she considers more necessary in a country like South Africa, where a small and struggling white community is surrounded by a virile coloured native and Asiatic community. Miss Paterson emphasised the importance of breast feeding for infants, if the latter were to have a really good start in life. The Truby King teaching is circulating around the world. It is probable nurses will be sent from South Africa to New Zealand to train for welfare work, pending the founding of a training school and hospital at the Cape. One nurse from Port Elizabeth is already at Trebovir Road, Earl's Court, and starts work, the first South African Truby King nurse, in April. Miss Paterson writes from Bloemfontein: "I have 127 damaged babes, *healthy born*, of well-to-do parents, who would not have been damaged had they been in New Zealand."

#### GREETING TO THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

All prosperity and success to the new Journal, as all appreciation and gratitude for the old! May the new generations realise what they owe to the elders, and may the young come forward in great numbers to carry on the good work, ever remembering that "Eternal Vigilance is the price of Liberty."

L. L. DOCK.

Fayetteville R. D. 2, Franklin County,  
Pennsylvania.

#### NURSES MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

As the first of its twenty-first anniversary gatherings the Nurses' Missionary League is holding a *Day of Prayer, Thanksgiving and Resolve* on Tuesday, March 25th, in the Institute Hall, Westminster Congregational Church, Buckingham Gate. There will be three Sessions—10.30-12.30, 3-5, and 7.30-9.30—conducted by members of the N.M.L. Committee, but the Hall will be open between the sessions for silent prayer and praise. Full particulars can be obtained from Miss Richardson, 135, Ebury Street, S.W.1

[previous page](#)

[next page](#)