

WORD FOR THE MONTH.

To Kwan-Yin—Mother of Mercy, Hearer of Prayers.

Mother of Pity, hear my prayer
That in the endless round of birth
No more may break my heart on earth,
Nor by the windless waters of the Blest
Weary of rest;
That drifting, drifting, I abide not anywhere,
Yet if by Karma's law I must
Resume this mantle of the dust
Grant me, I pray,
One dew drop from thy willow spray
And in the double lotus keep
My hidden heart asleep.

COMING EVENTS.

May 8th.—Meeting of Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, Epileptic Colony, Chalfont St. Peter, by kind invitation of Committee and Matron. Train leaves Paddington 2.23 p.m.

May 14th.—Opening of 31, Bedford Place, W.C.1, as Home of Metropolitan Nursing Association by the Princess Marie Louise. 3 p.m.

May 21st.—Meeting General Nursing Council for England and Wales, 20, Portland Place, London, W.1. 2.30 p.m.

May 26th.—Royal British Nurses' Association, Dramatic Entertainment, 194, Queen's Gate. 8 p.m.

May 29th.—University College Hospital Nurses' League. "At Home." Trained Nurses' Institute, Huntley Street, W.C.1. 3.30 p.m.

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.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL'S EXAMINATIONS:
THE FEBRUARY PASS LIST.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I find that in the list of passes for the February Final Examination the words "Affiliated Hospitals" were accidentally omitted, and candidate No. 881 from the Eccles and Patricroft Hospital and the candidates from the Preston Hospital, North Shields, and the Union Infirmary, Walsall, came under the heading of "Poor-Law" Hospitals.

The Eccles and Patricroft Hospital is a General Hospital, and the Matron has pointed out this error to me, and will be glad if it could be corrected.

With apologies for the error.

Yours faithfully,

MARION S. RIDDELL, Registrar.

The General Nursing Council for England and Wales,
20, Portland Place, London, W. 1.

April 12th, 1926.

KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

SALUTE THE STATUE OF MISS NIGHTINGALE.

State Registered Nurse writes:—"Sitting in a 'bus recently I was pleased to see a nurse in the S.R.N. uniform salute the statue of Miss Nightingale as we passed it by—although the Lady with the Lamp did not approve of State Registration. This mark of respect was very pleasing. May I suggest that those of us who wear the uniform prescribed by the G.N.C. should follow this excellent example."

THE MODERN GIRL.

A Mere Pro. :—"Why when criticising the modern girl do people rush into print and class us all of one type? As if girls and women—same as the opposite sex—were not of a variety of types. In this nursing school, for instance, there are apparently 'samples,' gracious and ungracious, pleasant, gentle, frank, rough, rude and uncultured—and not only amongst the Pros. but amongst 'staffs' and Sisters. Of course company manners are kept in reserve by the majority and trotted out when necessary. Personally, I can think of nothing more monotonous than if there was no individuality amongst us—and all was 'Prunes and Prisms.' The only thing which is not permissible in a ward is lack of feeling and sympathy for the sick—the fish-like personality should be carefully eliminated—such women are to be pitied, to be born without a warm heart is indeed a calamity for a woman."

GREETING FROM OUR INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT.

Miss Nina D. Gage, President, International Council of Nurses, writes from China :—"I am so glad of the chance of seeing THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, and keep in touch with British nursing life and thought. The reports of Helsingfors have been most interesting, and should make many of the nurses who could not get there realise what an opportunity an International Congress is and endeavour to be there in future. And in the February issue I was especially glad to see that the General Nursing Council has now a Nurse Chairman. It is good to see the profession managing its own affairs more and more in each country. We have just had a most delightful Conference of our China Association, and the report is being sent you. (This report appears on page 105.) With cordial greetings to you all."

CHINESE NURSES NEED OUR PRAYERS.

Miss Lillian Wu, delegate of the Nurses' Association of China to the International Council of Nurses at Helsingfors writes :—"We had a very nice trip home, and friends in Peking, who were many, gave us a very warm welcome. I took a trip to Nanking and told many nurses there about the Congress. I found everything all right on my arrival in Shanghai on August 5th, and the nurses busy. I went on duty the same day because I had kept all Head Nurses without their summer holiday, so both they and my assistant left on the second day. I had to work everything out, took inventory, and arranged for National Association of China Examinations. The nurses passed in the Examination in Practical work with honour. We do not know about their theory yet. Twenty-six girls and one boy took the examination. We are awaiting the result. I am sending two girls from that class to the P.U.M.C. and all others are at work.

I hope our friends in Great Britain are still interested in my work and remember it in their prayers. We are putting off many girls, and are not able to admit them because our Fund is small, and there is a rule that our students have to pay for their books and incidental expenses. I am praying that that will not prevent the girls from coming in, and I am writing to all friends in the International as they know I want to train more nurses, only we lack the funds. No school can work in the best way if it has not sufficient funds. Will you kindly mention it to your friends, and tell them something of the School of Nursing? If every one of them would offer five cents a year that would help a great deal for our needs. I thank you very much for sending me the magazine (BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING), and will take it to our National Conference."

PRIZE COMPETITION FOR JUNE.

Of what conditions may vomiting be an indication? What care should a patient receive when vomiting, and what special points would you note and report?

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