

She didn't sleep it off. She came down at dinner time in her prettiest frock, and laughed and chattered till her friend said she was "fey."

"Any one would think you'd been left a fortune."
"They wouldn't be far out," said Nurse Lamb.

So shall Thy Birthday morn
Lord Christ our Birthday be,
Then greet we all ourselves new-born
Our King's Nativity.

H. H.

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

Those of us who have worked in the City of London and love its churches, many of them really beautiful, artistic treasures, realised with grief and indignation the attempt to demolish them and sell the sites for material purposes.

The rejection by the House of Commons of the "City Churches Measure," has relieved the tension. We congratulate the Lord Mayor, and the two doughty City Members, and all concerned in their determined opposition to this iconoclastic measure. "City Nurses save your Churches," has been our slogan, and now to make a tour of the most famous is a treat in store for many "ramblers" within the City boundaries. Never was there a time when the people of London should show keener appreciation of their great inheritance, and the City Churches are a precious possession.

The new (supplemental) Charter of 1926 gives women Fellows, Members, and Licentiatees (of Dental Surgery) of the Royal College of Surgeons equal rights with men; This Charter was signed by King George in July, yet the council has not altered or ended by-law 26, which forbids women to attend meetings or vote at the College. The sad result is that at the annual meeting of Fellows and Members on Thursday, November 18th, women were not admitted, except into the gallery, and were not allowed to speak or vote. Apparently the women will be denied their rights until November, 1927, at the earliest.

The British College of Nurses have wisely made provision for Members to elect three representatives on its Council. The example of the College of Surgeons in this particular was one to avoid.

The number of women magistrates who have been appointed to the Bench since the passing of the Sex Disqualification (Removal) Act, 1919, is:—England and Wales, counties, 941; boroughs, 628.

COMING EVENTS.

December 6th.—Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President of the British College of Nurses, will speak on the College and its Objects at Charing Cross Hospital, W.C. 8.30 p.m.

December 6th.—Concert arranged by Sir Harold Boulton, C.V.O., C.B.E. Royal British Nurses' Association Club, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W. Admission free. 5 p.m.

December 11th.—General Meeting, League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses. Medical and Surgical Theatre, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C. 3 p.m. Social Gathering in the Great Hall after the Meeting.

December 13th.—Annual Sale of Work. Royal British Nurses' Association Club, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

December 17th.—Meeting of General Nursing Council for England and Wales. 20, Portland Place. 2.30 p.m.

December 18th.—Meeting of the Council, British College of Nurses. 431, Oxford Street, London, W. 3 p.m.

December 25th.—Christmas Day.

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.

A REAL RED CROSS NURSING SERVICE.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

MY DEAR MRS. FENWICK,—Before me on my desk lies the October number of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING. Congratulations! It is a most interesting and informative number, and I have read it from "cover to cover." Particularly was I interested in the Report of the Meeting of the Council, British College of Nurses. At the same time I was awed by the careful manner in which all the preliminary details of organisation are being established.

Will you please accept even at this late hour my congratulations and best wishes for the success of the College. Its fascinating and alluring possibilities offer a challenge unparalleled in nursing history.

Your inimitable "Memories of Queens" reads like a fairy tale, and brought to my mind my two precious trips to Greece with similar experiences. I could never, however, expect to describe them in such a happy manner.

It was with peculiar interest that I read "The Psychology of Laughter" by I. M. (I infer Isabel Macdonald). It was so very readable, yet at the same time sound in its reasoning. Every nurse should have it.

Later, as I came across the reference to the Florida Disaster, and read your brief comment on our Nursing Service and its part in such a disaster, it occurred to me that the readers of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING might be interested in hearing further details of this particular tragedy and the methods employed in marshalling our nursing forces. Without waiting for a reply, I am enclosing a brief statement.—Sincerely Yours,

CLARA D. NOYES,

Chairman, National Committee, and National Director, American Red Cross Nursing Service, Washington.

[Our readers will, we feel sure, read with intense interest the most instructive report of the wonderful work of the American Red Cross Nursing Service—on page 270. Some day we hope Great Britain will organise its Red Cross Nursing Service on similar sound professional lines.—ED.]

DIPLOMA DAY.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I received your letter of the 5th instant, notifying me that I have been accepted by the Council as a Fellow of the British College of Nurses, and I believe I am more proud of being associated with the College than I am to be Registered by the State. The latter has been so cheapened by the admission of untrained persons to the Register and the control in the hands of the wrong people that the joy one felt at the passing of the Act of Parliament on our behalf has gradually fizzled out, and those of us who belong to the older generation of nurses cannot help being disappointed that the work of the Pioneers in the great Cause has been so mis-used.

I was rather disappointed on reading the JOURNAL to see that instead of one great Historical Meeting where all Foundation Fellows and Members would be sworn in, this is being put aside, and anyone can just go into the office and take the Oath at certain appointed times. I have not been to town for four years, and had promised myself the great treat of going to London and meeting many old comrades as well as seeing and hearing those wonderful people who have become known to me through the medium of our JOURNAL for the past twenty years. When the meeting does take place I shall endeavour to be there.