

All the Jews in Fürth were in the cemetery when he was buried.

Under his head was the small heap of earth from the land of Zion. "We are like the grass that withers." "We remember that we are dust."

Then they washed their hands in flowing holy water and left the cemetery.  
H. H.

#### THE "HARLEY" CATALOGUE.

We have pleasure in drawing the attention of our readers to the new Edition of the "Harley" Catalogue, published by Messrs. Gayler & Pope, Ltd., High Street, Marylebone, W.1, and excellently illustrated. Patterns and self-measurement forms for the State Registered Uniform, which the firm is authorised to supply, can be sent to those who are unable to visit the establishment. The firm makes a speciality of Nurses' Overalls.

#### BOURNVILLE ANNUAL, 1927.

We have received from Messrs. Cadbury Bros., Ltd., Bournville, Birmingham, a copy of their 1927 Annual, which is charmingly illustrated, and contains much interesting letterpress. The subject this year is "Cocoa: The Story of its Cultivation." Commencing with a brief history of chocolate—its early use by the Mexicans—its introduction into Europe in the sixteenth Century, and the rapid growth of its popularity in recent times, the Annual fitly celebrates the recent fourth centenary of the introduction of chocolate into Europe.

Perhaps the outstanding feature of the book is the section devoted to cocoa growing on the Gold Coast. The extraordinary development of this native trade in the British West African Colony is one of the romances of industry. In 1891 the value of the raw cocoa exported from the Gold Coast was only £4; in 1925 its value was £8,000,000, and the country now contributes nearly half the world's supply. The book tells much of the Gold Coast, of the native people whose enterprise and energy this industry illustrates, of national institutions, and of the progressive administration of the Gold Coast Government.

#### COMING EVENTS.

*April 5th.*—The Dowager Countess of Airlie, G.B.E., will unveil a Memorial Window to H.M. Queen Alexandra, late President of the Military Nursing Service at Queen Alexandra's Military Hospital, Millbank. 3 p.m.

*April 17th.*—Easter Day.

*April 22nd.*—Meeting General Nursing Council for England and Wales. 20, Portland Place, W. 2.30 p.m.

*April 29th.*—The British College of Nurses Diploma Day. Hoare Memorial Hall, Church House, Westminster, S.W. Presentation of Diplomas to Fellows and Members. 2.30 p.m.

*July 27th-30th.*—International Council of Nurses, Interim Conference, Geneva, Switzerland.

#### The British College of Nurses.

ADDRESS ON THE AIMS OF THE COLLEGE BY

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*April 4th.*—Western Hospital, Seagrave Road, Fulham, S.W., 9 p.m.

#### HOSPITALITY FOR DIPLOMA DAY.

The Secretary will be pleased to receive offers of hospitality for Diploma Day for Fellows and Members coming from a distance if any of their colleagues are able to offer it, addressed to her at 431, Oxford Street, London, W.1.

#### PRIZE COMPETITION QUESTION FOR MAY.

What factors must be taken into special consideration in dealing with the dietetics of nephritis?  
Tell what you can of albuminuria, and of its nursing care.

## 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.*

#### THE PUBLIC HEALTH.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—Few Social Workers—especially those engaged directly in Public Health—will deny the truth of the words recently uttered by Sir Kingsley Wood, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Health, namely, that "the last 100 years have witnessed a growth in the science and art of medicine, incomparably greater than in any other period of mankind."

It is abundantly obvious, and yet the minds of many whose business it is to further the continuity of this healthy growth, are still stagnant! To wit, certain public bodies. In view of this regrettable fact, it is interesting to learn, that a Deputation from the Trades Union Congress General Council was received by the Minister of Health on February 16th, as reported in the March issue of the *B.J.N.*

If their request that a Register of Women Public Health Officers should be established by the Ministry—and I am inclined to think it a sound proposition—then, by following the idea to its logical conclusion, the inclusion of any name on the State Register, should be the hallmark of efficiency, and only those women should be employed by the State Departments and other public bodies.

We have State Registered medical men, and midwives, and dentists. Their legal status is recognised in practice as well as in theory, and no one would think of employing the unregistered in those professions. With the Nursing Profession it is otherwise. Although our profession has enjoyed State Registration for more than seven years, we don't find that State Departments and public bodies make that a necessary qualification for employment. Why? There is one notable exception, however, which I am proud to recall. The nursing staff at Holloway Prison *must* all be State Registered, and wear the State Registered uniform. The principle of course is excellent. The prisoners are entitled to, and receive, the highest quality in nursing care.

The example of the Home Office might well be copied by other State Departments.

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#### KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

HOW ABOUT A REGISTERED NURSE M.P.?

*From a Foundation Fellow:*—"Now that we have a College composed of Registered Nurses—which has already proved it intends to work in the open for just economic conditions and professional prestige—how about a Registered Nurse M.P.? Men's professions, especially medical practitioners and barristers, are abundantly represented, and their female colleagues share the privilege, but the 50,000 Registered Nurses are at a great disadvantage in this particular—so much so that in the few years since the Nursing Acts have been in force they have been deprived of statutory advantages granted, and apparently have no power to compel the General Nursing Council and the Ministry of Health to carry out the most important provision of the Act—to define and enforce a prescribed scheme of training—opposed by the College of Nursing, Ltd.—who have nobbled the vote on the G.N.C. and broken faith with us by admitting untrained women to the Register under Rule 9 (1) (g.), and failing to remove from it a woman proved guilty of theft. If we had a Registered Nurse in Parliament pledged to see justice done—and who could instruct the laity—it would in my opinion be a tremendous advantage."

[We quite agree, and if the Government redeems its promises and grants women enfranchisement on the same terms as men, it is possible that we may get a Registered Nurse M.P. before many years have passed.—ED.]

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