

Down, announced the Ulster Government's intention of conferring votes on women of 21 and abolishing proportional representation.

#### A SPLENDID GIFT.

At a luncheon at the Savoy Hotel, arranged by the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis with the object of making a special appeal for £50,000 the Chairman, Lady Titchfield, made the gratifying announcement that a gift of this amount had been made to the Association by an anonymous donor, and in view of this gift the appeal was not made. The donor wrote: "I think your work to eradicate the awful disease of tuberculosis is great. It fills one of the country's most urgent needs, if not the most urgent. I hear you have raised well over £50,000, and it gives me great happiness to assist your work further by contributing an additional £50,000, feeling as I do that the nation should have a fair chance of freeing itself from this devastating scourge. I enclose a cheque for this amount, but on the strict understanding that it is to remain anonymous."

#### GLASGOW STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL.

Youth and ardour can accomplish great things, as the record of the Glasgow Students' Representative Council goes to prove. The proceeds of their charities' day carnival held early in the year was no less a sum than £16,500, which has been allotted as follows:—For his unemployment relief fund the Lord Provost received a cheque for £3,750, and five city hospitals received £1,500 each for the endowment of beds. An auxiliary hospital in the suburbs benefited by £1,000, and various smaller sums were distributed for general hospital purposes. The total amount collected and distributed by Glasgow undergraduates as a result of their eight charity carnivals since 1921 is almost £70,000.

#### TRUE TALES WITH A MORAL.

##### THE LURE OF LONDON.

Chatting recently with a Nurse friend of forty years' standing, who in her youth lived in London in close touch with delights dramatic and artistic, and who spent a few years of early married life in a little country town, she remarked: "The loneliness was terrible, sometimes I just had to look in the glass to see a face I knew!"

##### "ADOPTED TEETH."

We live in an age of super-sensitive vanity. "False" teeth used to be descriptive of removable flashing dentures. We were, however, recently corrected for alluding to them in such crude terms, and informed that "adopted teeth" is now the polite description in vogue!

#### COMING EVENTS.

*September 8th.*—The British College of Nurses' Council Meeting. 39, Portland Place, London, W. 2 p.m.

*September 25th-29th.*—International Congress on Tuberculosis, and International Nurses' Reunion at Rome.

*September 28th.*—General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Monthly Meeting. 20, Portland Place, London, W. 2.30 p.m.

#### PRIZE COMPETITION QUESTION FOR AUGUST.

How would you render first-aid in the following conditions:—(1) A compound dislocation of the ankle; (2) post operative collapse; (3) a severe scald of the face; (4) relapse of the intestine through a laparotomy wound; (5) hæmorrhage from a wound in the arm?

## 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.*

#### PRIVATE NURSING.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—

Surely private nurses should be the cream of the profession for we are quite on our own resources, except for the doctor's instructions. Therefore we should be the most particular and thorough in every detail, no slackness of any kind, either in ourselves or in our treatment of our patients, or their relations around them, the latter most trying sometimes.

I certainly think a special course of training for the intending private nurse would be most instructive, for the small details that count so much to the private patient, and I should like to suggest The British College of Nurses lead the way. It would, I am sure, be most helpful to both patient and nurse. I am very sorry for both at times, but with tact and kindness, and the *forgetting* of self, we can achieve so much, and that means happiness for both.

There are so many *Dont's* for nurses that I am reluctant to begin, but must include a few:—

Don't smell of smoke, until you have ascertained if your patient objects.

Don't wear those terrible noisy heels to your shoes, most nerve-racking to everyone.

Don't have such short skirts that show all well above the knee in a stooping movement. All this has led to a very indifferent feeling towards our profession, and we have such an opportunity of showing high ideals, it is such a pity to miss it, and we could then use that influence to improve our own bad conditions, such as having our own meals sent up in an untidy way, sometimes forgotten. Also we must try to shorten the night duty hours when single-handed, fourteen to sixteen hours for months on end. No other woman would do it. So I hope we shall have a course of training, it need not be long, so that things can be improved for both patient and nurse.

Faithfully yours,

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#### KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

"YOUR COUNTRY IS VERY DEAR TO ME."

*Mrs. L. de Bussy Kruijse*, President of the National Association of Nurses of Holland, writing to acknowledge "the July number of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, containing the excellent report of the National Association of Nurses in Holland" adds:

"It will perhaps interest you to hear I had my training as a nurse in the Edinburgh Royal long ago (1900) and my training as a District Nurse Q.V.J.I. (now Queen's Institute for District Nursing) in Dublin.

"You can understand your country is very dear to me, and I take a keen interest in nursing matters. I expect you made the acquaintance a few weeks ago of Miss J. C. Petersen, my successor as Matron at the Wilhelmina Hospital, Amsterdam, and therefore you sent me the report, for which I am very thankful."

THE ANNUAL DINNER OF THE B.C.N.

*Mrs. Alec Tweedie* writes:—"It was a charming dinner, and as usual you were a most excellent chairman.

"Please add my humble two guineas to your College Fund for Nurses. I have seen them at work all over the world with admiration."

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