

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN.

The four most important resolutions, from a health point of view, to be considered by the Annual Meeting of the Representative Council of Women, in connection with the meeting of the National Council of Women, in York, October 15th to 19th, are:—

(1) CHILDREN'S RESCUE WORK.

"That in view of the facts disclosed by the Report of the Departmental Committee on Sexual Offences against Young Persons, and of the stress laid by that Report on the need for special after-care and treatment for the children who have suffered from these offences, the National Council of Women urges all education authorities to consider the question of co-operation with the voluntary Preventive and Rescue Associations with a view to supplying such after-care, both by means of trained Children's Workers and the provision of the necessary means of helping such children."

(2) MATERNAL MORTALITY.

"The National Council of Women welcomes the appointment by H.M. Government of a Commission to enquire into the question of maternal mortality; and urges, seeing the importance of the subject, that the Ministry of Health shall be given every facility for the promotion of research work, and for the carrying out of remedial measures."

(3) EARLY TREATMENT OF BORDERLAND PATIENTS.

"That the National Council of Women urges the Government to further legislation for the provision of additional facilities for the early treatment of Nervous and Borderland Patients, with the object of avoiding mental suffering and of raising the standard of national efficiency."

(4) SALE OF CONTRACEPTIVES.

"That this Council asks for legislation forbidding the sale of contraceptives to young people under sixteen years of age."

A book to be placed on one's library list is "Turkey To-day," by Grace Ellison, author of "An Englishwoman in Angora," etc.

Miss Ellison, who is a recognised authority on Turkey and is a sincere friend of the Turks, has paid five prolonged visits to Turkish homes and has been in the closest touch with all the kaleidoscopic changes that have taken place in that country since the days of Abdul Hamid.

Amongst many other important and interesting details she describes the period of transition of the Turkish women, veiled and voiceless (at any rate in public), from the now abolished harem to the status of a modern Europeanized era in her own home.

Miss Ellison's book is a study of one of the greatest chapters in the history of to-day, written in the author's own vivid style, and of interest to all who want to know the truth about the awakening of the East. It is published by Hutchinson and Co., 34, Paternoster Row, E.C.4. Price, 18/-.

Miss Ellison is well known to many nurses who worked with the French Flag Nursing Corps during the great War.

COMING EVENTS.

October 15th-19th.—National Council of Women of Great Britain: Annual Meeting and Conference. Assembly Rooms, York.

October 18th.—British College of Nurses: The First of a Course of Six Lectures on Gynaecology (weekly), by Miss Gertrude Dearnley, M.D. 6.30 p.m. 39, Portland Place, London, W.1.

October 19th.—General Nursing Council for England and

Wales: Monthly Meeting. 20, Portland Place, London, W.1. 2.30 p.m.

October 26th.—British College of Nurses: Reception and Tea, 4.30-5.30 p.m., followed by Reports from Delegates to International Congress on Tuberculosis at Rome.

October 27th.—British College of Nurses. Council Meeting: 39, Portland Place, London, W.1. 2 p.m.

October 29th-November 1st.—Second International Exhibition of Light and Heat in Medicine, Surgery, and Public Health: University of London, S.W.7. 2.30-9.30 p.m.

November 3rd.—Play, "Interference," in aid of the Princess Christian Memorial Fund. 33, Park Road, N.W.1.

LETTER 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.

AN UNJUSTIFIABLE CLAIM.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I note in a pamphlet issued by the Royal Medico-Psychological Association that it is still adhering to the policy of demanding recognition of its certificate by the General Nursing Councils as a qualification for registration under State authority.

You have already called attention to this danger and to the Resolution carried by the Association at its general meeting in London in November last, when it resolved "that the Royal Medico-Psychological Association make every endeavour by negotiation, or failing that, by obtaining the insertion of a provision in any new Lunacy Bill, to secure that the possession of the Certificate of Proficiency in Mental Nursing of the Association entitles the holders thereof (both present and future) to be registered, on payment of the fees, in the Mental Section of the Register of Nurses of the General Nursing Councils, and to enjoy all the privileges of registered mental nurses."

The Annual Report of the Council of the Association reiterates this unjustifiable claim, and states its opinion that "the Association should adhere to its policy as expressed in the November Resolution, which though it provides machinery to carry out the wishes of the General Nursing Councils regarding examinations, put in the forefront the recognition for registration of the Certificate, and all that it stands for, and not for either or both examinations. This is a straight and clear-cut policy from which the Association is not likely to be turned."

It therefore behoves all nurses, whether on the General Register or the Supplementary Part for Mental Nurses to be on the alert in regard to this unjustifiable and obstinate claim.

What are the G.N.Cs. doing? So far as I know they have made no pronouncement of policy. It is overdue.

Yours faithfully,

A STATE REGISTERED NURSE.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

It has been decided not to insert the R.B.N.A. Supplement in the current issue of the Journal for the reason that many Members of the Association participated in the International Anti-Tuberculosis Congress at Rome, and, by omitting the Supplement, reports of the proceedings of the Congress, and other events more or less connected with it, can go through consecutively.

PRIZE COMPETITION QUESTION FOR NOVEMBER.

Name four varieties of packs and the purpose for which each may be given. Describe the method of giving one of them.

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