

on the Equal Franchise Act, at 6.30 p.m. Free to Fellows and Members.

On November 24th. Council Meeting. 2 p.m.

On November 29th. First of two Lectures by Mrs. Margaret Rorke, M.B., Ch.B., Glasgow, Medical Officer Female Venereal Diseases Department, Royal Free Hospital, W.C. Fee 1s. each Lecture to Fellows and Members. 1s. 6d. each Lecture to non-members.

FIXTURES FOR DECEMBER.

At 39, PORTLAND PLACE, LONDON, W.

On December 3rd. Lecture by Dr. Worster-Drought on Encephalitis Lethargica. 8.15 p.m.

On December 6th. Second Lecture by Mrs. Rorke, M.B., on Venereal Diseases. 7.30 p.m.

Fellows and Members proposing to attend lectures are asked to notify the Secretary.

OUR FELLOWS AND MEMBERS.

What they are doing.

It is always a pleasure to hear from Fellows and Members who, thousands of miles away, are carrying on the traditions which they learnt in English hospitals, often under conditions of some difficulty.

Usually in this connection we record the histories of nurses who have gone from the Mother Country to establish and develop systems of nurse training. To-day the contrary is the case, and we are proud to record the enterprise of a member of the British College of Nurses, an Indian lady, Miss Lavinia Ganga Mewa, who, after gaining the certificate of the Bareilly Hospital in her own country, came to England to obtain further experience. Having obtained a three years' certificate of training from the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital in connection with the Seamen's (Dreadnought) Hospital, Greenwich, she successfully passed the examination of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales and is a State Registered Nurse. She then obtained midwifery training and has added the qualification of Certified Midwife to that of Registered Nurse. When Miss Mewa returned to India she worked as a Sister in the Lady Reading Hospital at Simla. She now writes that she has a permanent appointment as Matron of the Indian Mental Hospital at Ranchi, which has 300 beds and a staff of 77 nurses. The Government has sanctioned

the appointment of four additional trained nurses, and twenty probationers.

Miss Mewa writes enthusiastically of the beauty of her surroundings, "and as for the excellent climate, no other station can beat it although it is not such a gay place as Simla. On Sunday we drove 34 miles out of the Station to see some most beautiful falls—the Hoodroo Falls—the depth of which has not yet been discovered."

We wish Miss Mewa much happiness in her new post, and health and strength to carry it on for the benefit of the people of the great Indian Empire in which she bears so honourable a part.



MISS LAVINIA GANGA MEWA, S.R.N.
Matron, Indian Mental Hospital, Ranchi.

The sympathy of the College is with Miss L. Johnstone, R.R.C., Fellow of the British College of Nurses, and Matron of the Sunshine Babies' Home at Chorley Wood, Herts, which was burnt down on September 30th. The fire was caused by, it was thought, the fusing of an electric wire or an overheated flue. It happened luckily in the afternoon when all the babies but one were out of doors. The nurses worked hard, assisted by many willing helpers, to save the furniture and other belongings, but all Matron's linen room, of which she was so justly proud, and had just got into such excellent order, was destroyed.

The babies have now been taken to a home near Newton Abbott. In this lovely Devonshire air they should thrive and flourish during the winter months, always a testing time for delicate babies, and blind children are more than others susceptible to cold.

COACHING CLASSES.

The British College of Nurses has been asked by several nurses to take into consideration the advisability of holding classes at 39, Portland Place, London, W., for the instruction of those who have failed in their State Examinations, and who are, therefore, unable to register, and are finding this a very great disadvantage.

Details have yet to be arranged in connection with this scheme, but any nurse qualified to sit for examination who would like to avail herself of such a class should communicate at once with Miss Hale, Secretary, at the above address.

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