

COMING EVENTS.

November 14th.—Matron-in-Chief and Members of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service. At Home. Edward VII Rooms, Hotel Victoria, Northumberland Avenue, London, W.C.2. 3.30 to 6 p.m.

November 16th and 17th.—Imperial Nurses' Club. Anniversary Sale. 135, Ebury Street. 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

November 17th.—Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland. Quarterly Meeting. 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.7. 3 p.m.

November 23rd.—General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Monthly meeting. 20, Portland Place, London, W.1. 2.30 p.m.

November 30th.—National Council of Nurses of Great Britain. Annual Meeting of Grand Council. 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London, W. 5 p.m.

November 30th.—Nurses' Missionary League. Quiet Day. G.F.S. Chapel, Townsend House, Greycoat Place, Westminster, S.W. 3 p.m.

British College of Nurses.

39, PORTLAND PLACE, LONDON, W.1.

November 15th and 22nd.—The two last of a Course of Six Lectures on Gynæcology by Miss Gertrude Dearnley, M.D. 6.30 p.m.

November 19th, 26th and December 3rd.—Three Lectures on Encephalitis Lethargica by Dr. C. C. Worster-Drought, M.R.C.P., M.R.C.S. 8.15 p.m.

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

November 29th and December 6th.—Lectures on Venereal Disease by Mrs. Rorke, M.B. 7.30 p.m.

November 29th.—Lecture on the Equal Franchise Act, by Mrs. Blanco-White (National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship). 6.30 p.m.

ROYAL INFIRMARY, BRADFORD.

December 1st.—Social gathering of Fellows and Members and their friends at the Royal Infirmary, Bradford, by the kind invitation of the Matron, Miss Jessie Davies, Local Consul of the British College of Nurses for Bradford and the surrounding District.

Royal British Nurses' Association.

194, QUEEN'S GATE, S.W.7.

November 15th.—Dance. 8-12 p.m.

November 22nd.—Lantern Lecture on Rome by Miss Isabel Macdonald (collection to defray expense of lantern). 3 p.m.

November 29th.—Sale of Work in aid of the House Beautiful Fund. 2-6 p.m.

December 6th.—Ramblers' Club. Visit to the British Broadcasting Corporation's Premises, Savoy Hill, W.C.2. 2 p.m.

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.

ANGIO-NEUROTIC ŒDEMA.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—Would you kindly explain in the JOURNAL what angio-neurotic œdema is caused by. I have lately met with it for the first time; it has given great trouble, for a long time, in the mouth (tongue and lips).

Yours faithfully,

E. E. PLEASE.

20, Clapton Square,
London, E.5.

[The condition concerning which you enquire, namely, angio-neurotic œdema, may be described as nerve disturbance of the blood vessels, which causes œdema of the surrounding tissues.—ED.]

KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

Dr. Andrea Starh Currie writes:—"Cara Signora Fenwick,—Ho letto con grandissimo piacere il suo articolo sul Mussolini ed anche su la sua visita al Vaticano per ricevere la benedizione del Santo Padre. Egli è veramente un nomuo à che s'applica la parola sovente occorrente nel Nuovo Testamento Greco 'μακρόθυμος.' Due anni fa ho scritto una lettera di protesto al *Church Times* che si ha manifestato ostile al Duce, dicendo chè nessuno familiare con Italia e gli Italiani potesse scrivere contro al salvatore del regno."

The following is the English translation :

"DEAR MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK,—I have read with very great pleasure your article on Mussolini and your account of your visit to the Vatican to receive the blessing of the Holy Father. He is a man to whom the word which so often occurs in the Greek New Testament, 'μακρόθυμος' (one endowed with largeness of soul), peculiarly applies. About two years ago I wrote a letter of protest to the *Church Times*, which has always shown a hostile spirit to the Duce, saying that no one who was well acquainted with Italy and the Italians could write such articles against Mussolini, who was the saviour of the kingdom."

A Sister at Fiesole writes: "We have just read those wonderful accounts of your visit to Florence and Fiesole, and feel as one might who had just fallen from an aeroplane. It is all such a vast surprise to find that what was to us such a big pleasure—pleasure and honour—has by you all—your too kind hearts and ingenious pens—been so painted and beautified, we can scarcely believe it refers to your little visit to San Girolamo. Yet so it is, and we must thank you sincerely and say truly you have indeed done us far too much honour. Please be assured that when we asked you to come to us and had the pleasure of meeting you and saw you off on your mission of charity to Rome, we had no further thought than the pleasure you gave us in your too short stay, and the hope of happy memories. I hope you liked our Roman House, and I feel sure you would like our Houses in Australia and Malta. Some day you may take a nice long holiday and visit those. What a wonderful lot of interesting items *re* Rome and the Congress you have got into this month's JOURNAL!"

Miss J. Melita Jones writes: "I enclose my subscription to THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, and may I record my warm appreciation of the high standard it continues to maintain in spite of opposition. It is a great pleasure to receive the monthly budget, and one feels, though living in one of the outposts of the Empire, that the connecting link has never been severed."

NOTICE.

THE UNITED NURSING SERVICES CLUB, LTD.

The meeting of the Shareholders of the United Nursing Services Club, Ltd., 34, Cavendish Square, London, W.1, will be held on Wednesday, 21st November, 1928, at 2.30 p.m., to be followed by a general meeting of the members at 3 p.m.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITION.

In order to give a greater number of competitors for the Prize Competition an opportunity of winning the prize the Editor has decided that no competitor will be awarded a prize more than twice in one year.

PRIZE COMPETITION QUESTION FOR DECEMBER.

Give an account of the causation, symptoms, course, complications and nursing of a case of lobar pneumonia.

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