

## COMING EVENTS.

November 11th.—Remembrance Day.

November 18th.—The Matron-in-Chief and Members of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service "At Home," Grosvenor House, Park Lane, W., 3.30 to 6 p.m.

November 19th.—British College of Nurses. Class on Administration. Visit to Fulham Hospital, Hammersmith, 2.30 p.m.

November 21st.—British College of Nurses, Monthly Meeting of the Council, 39, Portland Place, W., 2.15 p.m.

November 25th.—National Council of Nurses of Great Britain. Annual Meeting of Grand Council, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., Tea, 4.30 p.m., Meeting 5 p.m.

November 25th.—United Nursing Services Club, Ltd., Meeting of Shareholders, 2.30 p.m., to be followed by a General Meeting of Members at 3 p.m., 34, Cavendish Square, W.

November 26th.—Royal British Nurses' Association, the President, H.R.H. Princess Arthur of Connaught opens the Sale of Work for the House Beautiful Fund, 2.30 p.m.

November 27th.—General Nursing Council for England and Wales, Monthly Meeting, 20, Portland Place, W., 2.30 p.m.

November 27th.—London Temperance Hospital Nurses League, Special Meeting, L.T.H., Hampstead Road, N.W., 9 p.m.

December 5th.—Mental Hospital Matrons' Association, Quarterly Meeting, Royal British Nurses' Association, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W., 2.30 p.m.

December 5th.—League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, General Meeting in the classroom of the Nurses' Home, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C., 3 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.*

## A CONTRAST.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I was very interested to read the charming account in the October *B.J.N.* of the Commencement Exercises at the Johns Hopkins Hospital when the new graduates are entertained at the Alumnae Dinner, and made to realise that they are welcome and recognised members of the Nursing Profession, and more particularly would they be welcome members of the Alumnae Association of their own hospital. The member who responded for the 1931 class spoke of "this never-to-be-forgotten reception into the ranks of your noble organisation," and what could be more inspiring and uplifting to the new graduates? A red letter day indeed.

In contrast, what shall we say of the experience of a graduate of another school, also, if I remember rightly, in the United States of America, who, on going to her room to pack up before leaving her training school, found her certificate thrown on her bed without note or comment.

To say nothing of the carelessness of leaving such a document lying about in a bedroom instead of delivering it to the owner, or of the example in manners to the new graduates, what value would be attached to such a certificate?

In this country, as a rule, we make far too little of 'Graduation Day.' Could not the Leagues endeavour to arrange some ceremonial?

Yours faithfully,

ONE WHO VALUES HER CERTIFICATE OF TRAINING.

## KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

## England Truly our Mother.

We quote the following "Kernel" from a letter received from a dear American colleague:—

"With the utmost concern and distress I have been following the troubles of England, and both my sister and myself have wished to write to our friends there and tell them of our fellow feeling, but have really felt ashamed to do so because of our conviction that the course of our own government has so greatly contributed to the bad financial situation of the world. Our wickedly high tariffs, blind insistence on debts payment, refusal to admit the connection between debts and reparation, refusal to state what the policy of your country would be about selling ammunition in case of another war, and other selfish actions are, I do assure you, a cause of great grief to many Americans. I am sending you some cuttings to show what we agree with.

The temporary help given is neither enough, nor was it given soon enough.

You must believe that after all, most of us love England more than any other. She is more truly our Mother, though all countries have been a mother to us.

I am grievously distressed, too, for Germany, another country that I greatly love though I hated its Militaristic imperialism. It does seem to me, and has all along, that almost the whole world, our own country included, has tried in every way to make it hard for the German Republic and the new generation there which has made such heroic efforts to leave the old path. England is about the only one, I think, of the Great Powers that has not helped to push her to the wall. Of course I don't mean the small neutral countries. They have always been good.

What is going to happen to us all? Some great changes are on the way and may be here to-morrow.

The *B.J.N.* is just as wonderful as ever, just as full of important and interesting material, just as live, keen and animated as ever. I don't see how you do it.

I have lost a lot of interest in the things I used to do, and am now chiefly absorbed in the unrolling of the world's present and coming destiny."

## NOTICES.

Nurses who have not yet paid the half-crown Annual Retention Fee to the General Nursing Council for England and Wales should do so without delay, otherwise they will find their names excluded from the State Register of Nurses for 1932, as the Rules framed under the Nurses' Registration Act (1919) prescribe this annual payment.

The three articles recently published in the *Times*, under the heading of "The Financial Crisis," have been reprinted as a pamphlet. The first issue was sold out at once. A reprint is now available from the *Times* Office, Printing House Square, price 1½d. post free. Nurses who wish to understand "Why Britain left Gold," should study it.

## PRIZE COMPETITION QUESTION FOR DECEMBER.

Describe how you would nurse a case of measles. What are the special dangers to be guarded against and what steps would you take to prevent dangerous complications?

We regret that we are unable to award a prize this month, no paper of sufficient merit having been received.

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