

## TO 1932.

It's true you've been a rather gloomy year,  
Shedding about you fewer smiles than sighs,  
Tho' many who will gather round your bier  
Sought hard to make your visit otherwise.

How hopefully you came upon the scene  
Aflame with visions of the good you'd do,  
Wherefore some hitches in the "might have been,"  
Need not be recklessly ascribed to you.

Stars in their courses *can* put up a fight,  
And many more, much lower down than they,  
Would fain deny our Motherland the right  
To make her realms more livable to-day!

Sad "32," good-bye, may you rest well  
And your successor have the luck to see  
Fulfilment of the fables Hope will tell  
With all her flattering capacity.

C. B. M.

## COMING EVENTS.

December 16th.—General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Monthly Meeting. 20, Portland Place, London, W.1. 2.30 p.m.

December 17th.—British College of Nurses. Meeting of Council. 2.15 p.m. Registration Day Ceremony. 4.30 p.m.

December 25th.—Christmas Day.

January 1st.—New Year's Day, 1933.

## 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 CHANCE FOR REGISTERED NURSES.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—A donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, has presented the London School of Dietetics with the sum of 100 Guineas, in order that ten State registered nurses may be able to take the first course of the School at a reduction of 10 Guineas in the fee. This will mean 20 Guineas instead of 30 Guineas in the case of the Full-time Course and a corresponding reduction in the case of the Evening Course. Would you be good enough to make this as widely known as possible in your JOURNAL?

Yours sincerely,

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Woburn Place, W.C.1.

J. NEIL LEITCH.

## ECONOMY.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—A much needed, much used and much abused word. The need of it none will dispute. Of its use all have experience. For its abuse many have suffered. One of its dictionary meanings is "a judicious spending of money," and in these difficult times it is not easy to be always judicious, but so often lately I have heard nurses say, "I am sorry, but of course I must give up my college membership—I must economise." That surely is not judicious, for by so doing we not only help to curtail College usefulness, but we deprive ourselves of many advantages to effect a very small saving.

For the small sum of 1s. 9d. per month (and how few of us there are who don't spend this on trifles we could well do without), we have the advantage and honour of belonging to a progressive college that offers much in educational grants, etc., the safeguarding of our interests, also a benevo-

lent and pension scheme should we be unfortunate enough to need help, and last, but not least, we get each month a copy of the best journal issued to our profession by nurses for nurses. If we cultivate the habit of putting this small sum aside monthly, we should not then think £1 1s. the formidable amount it seems when taken from any one month's salary that may have many demands on it.

Yours, etc.,

A MEMBER WHO ALWAYS HAS TO ECONOMISE.

## KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

## An Insult to the Nursing Profession.

A Registered Sister in L.C.C. employ writes: "We Registered Nurses are naturally very indignant that the London County Council, on the recommendation of its Central Public Health Committee, has agreed to employ unregistered nurses, to be called Sisters (Sister-Housekeepers, Sisters in Massage, X-ray and Electrical departments), placing them on an equality, economically and otherwise, with thoroughly trained registered professional nurses.

"How is such injustice to be opposed? The Central Public Health Committee, which is responsible for this retrograde recommendation, is controlled by a medical woman, and has not a Registered Nurse on it. Why are we to be governed by medical women, who apparently do not realise that Registered Nurses have been granted the same legal and professional status by Parliament as themselves? If *The Lancet* would tackle a real injury like this—and leave latchkeys and luxuries alone—some encouragement might be given to responsible, well-educated women to enter hospitals for training."

[We have expressed our strong disapproval of the injurious action of the L.C.C. on page 329.—EDITOR.]

## New Editor, Canadian Nurses' Magazine.

Miss Ethel Johns writes: "I greatly appreciate your kind reference, in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, to my recent appointment as Editor of *The Canadian Nurse*."

"My new post, which I am to assume at the beginning of January, carries with it some heavy responsibilities, but I shall strive to follow the good example set me by the 'Senior Nurse Editor,' and to be worthy of the honourable traditions of the British Nursing Press."

[We always read the excellent Canadian Journal with very great interest.—EDITOR.]

## A WORD FOR THE WORLD.

But Christ is Christ and rest is rest,  
And love true love must greet.  
In Christ there is no East or West,  
In Him no South or North,  
But one great fellowship of love  
Throughout the whole wide earth.

John Oxenham.

## NOTICES.

We regret that no Prize Competition Papers of sufficient merit were sent in for this month.

## PRIZE COMPETITION FOR JANUARY.

Name Chronic Diseases and how to care for them.

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