

COMING EVENTS.

May 18th.—The Royal British Nurses' Association. Concert in aid of the Settlement Home, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.7. H.R.H. The Princess Arthur of Connaught, the President, will attend. Tickets obtainable from headquarters. 3.30 p.m.

May 20th.—The British College of Nurses. Meeting of Council, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1. 2.15 p.m.

May 20th.—The Middlesex Hospital Nurses' League. The Third Annual General Meeting and Re-union of Past and Present Nurses. Nurses' Home. Tea. 3 p.m.

May 26th.—General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Monthly Meeting, 20, Portland Place, W.1. 2.30 p.m.

May 26th.—At the Princess Elizabeth of York Hospital for Children, Shadwell, E.1, Sir Henry Gauvain will give a lantern-lecture on the nature of the work carried on at the Treloar Hospitals at Alton and Haying Island. The Chair will be taken by Alderman William Stobie, M.D., Ex-Mayor of Oxford. Visitors cordially welcomed. 8.45 p.m.

June.

June 13th.—Royal British Nurses' Association. Annual Meeting. 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.7. 3.30 p.m.

June 20th.—Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service. The Matron-in-Chief and Members of the Nursing Service. At Home. Claridge's Hotel, Brook Street, W.1. 3.30 to 6 p.m.

July.

July 1st.—League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses. General Meeting. Lecture Room, Nurses' Home, St. Bartholomew's Hospital. 3 p.m.

July 1st.—Annual Meeting and Dinner of the London Hospital League of Nurses. Library. Agenda and Programme of Events will be sent to Members.

July 9th—12th.—The International Council of Nurses' Meeting and the Nurses' Congress in Paris.

July 13th—15th.—The International Council of Nurses' Meeting and the Nurses' Congress in Brussels.

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.

LETTERS TO THE PRESIDENT, BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

The President has received quite a number of delightful letters from guests who attended the "History Dinner" on May 4th.

The following are typical:—

Sir D'Arcy Power.

"I feel it necessary to write and thank you for the pleasant evening I spent yesterday. I hope you were not too tired with it all for there was so much upon your shoulders, and, as usual, you did it so admirably."

The Lady Hermione Blackwood.

"I feel I must thank you and the Council again for having invited me to that most delightful dinner, and I congratulate you on such a wonderfully successful evening. It was so amusing and so instructive."

Dame Ann Beadsmore Smith.

"What a brilliant and surprising evening you treated us to last night. I enjoyed every minute of it, and I am sure you must have been thrilled with the success of it. I felt so privileged to be an invited guest, as indeed did all the guests I know. I trust you were not over-tired. The Royal Nurses did their part so well and looked truly regal, and I thought Miss Macdonald was wonderful. With kindest regards and so many thanks for my wonderful evening."

Miss Elma Smith.

"This is just to say how wonderful you were last night and how splendidly the whole thing went. We all most thoroughly enjoyed the *whole evening*, and all that was got into it, and I am sure you will now have enough to do to get ready for the JOURNAL and we shall look forward to seeing that and so go over it all again. With love and thanks to you and all those who helped, and I need not say how good it was to see Miss Breay again."

Miss Sara C. Hearder.

"May I convey to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick and the Council of the British College my deep appreciation at being a guest at the Banquet? It was a most delightful evening and one I shall always remember. I would also like to thank Mrs. Bedford Fenwick for the charming manner she brought my name into the Bethlem Royal Hospital Toast. It was very unexpected, but so much appreciated."

Miss R. Osborne.

"It was a great pleasure and privilege to be at your 'History Dinner' at Grosvenor House last night; the dignity and beauty of the arrangements were most impressive. Please accept hearty congratulations."

Miss K. A. Watt.

"I wish to thank you and the members of the Council of the British College of Nurses for the very "Royal" and delightfully interesting evening you gave us on Thursday last. Every moment was enjoyable and it was a great pleasure to be present at such an inspiring function."

Miss Lucy Duff Grant.

"I feel I should like to write and thank you for a very marvellous evening last Thursday. I cannot tell you how much I enjoyed the Dinner at Grosvenor House, and how proud I feel that I have the honour to represent one of the Royal Nurses."

Miss Minnie Drakard.

"I thought the Dinner just wonderful! What time and thought must have been expended on it! Every nurse present must have been thrilled by it."

Miss Henrietta Hawkins.

"What a perfectly gorgeous turn-out! I did so enjoy every minute. Thank you again for invitation."

Miss Margaret H. Hart.

"I should like to express my deep appreciation of the kindness of the Council in inviting me to so notable a gathering. I cannot express how much I enjoyed the occasion, which will remain a memorable one to me. May I wish continued success to the History Section of the British College of Nurses?"

Cablegram from Pearl Morrison, Washington, U.S.A.:—
"Greetings. Present in spirit."

THE NURSE'S VOTE.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—Is there any hope of Registered Nurses being left to manage their own affairs? That is what is needed at the present time. I have been counting up all the outside organisations which are attempting to gobble us up and trying to find a reason for such interference—and I have come to the conclusion that the *Vote* is at the bottom of it, and, of course, subscriptions—as we have to pay for the deprivation of our independence.

Recently two Labour Members have drafted Bills—one the Brockway Bill—to tell us when we are to feed, when to leave our patients to depart in peace (down tools as the clock strikes), and various other absurdities; and now we have the Batey Bill—to sweep away for twelve months the examination test of efficiency and flood the Register

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