

Restaurant, 88, Baker Street, London, W.1 (entrance in Paddington Street), 6.45 p.m. for 7 p.m. Tickets (7s. 6d.) and all information from Mr. A. H. Lloyd, the Dell, White-man's Green, Cuckfield, Sussex.

November 1st.—British College of Nurses. Opening of Winter Session, 39, Portland Place, W. Tea 4.30 p.m. Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., F.B.C.N., will give a short Address on her Canadian Experiences.

November 3rd.—A Conference of Sister Tutors will be held at the Royal British Nurses' Association, 194, Queen's Gate, London, S.W. All Sister Tutors will be heartily welcome. 3.30 p.m.

November 14th.—The Matron-in-Chief and Members of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, "At Home," Grosvenor House, Park Lane, W. (Ball Room Entrance.) 3.30 to 6 p.m.

November 21st.—National Council of Nurses of Great Britain. Annual Meeting of Grand Council. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President, in the Chair. 39, Portland Place, W. Tea (by invitation of the President), 3.45 p.m. Meeting 4.15 p.m.

REGISTRATION OF JOURNALISTS.

The Home Secretary recently received a deputation from the Institute of Journalists, which asked for the appointment of a Government Committee to inquire into the desirability of creating for the profession of journalism a statutory body with functions similar to those of the bodies which exist for medicine, the law, and other professions. He undertook to give the matter his consideration.

A KNOTTY QUESTION.

A correspondent sends us the following anecdote told by Estelle Blythe in "When we lived in Jerusalem."

"Say doctor," remarked a Yankee who had been advised to boil his drinking water throughout Palestine, "what's your opinion of this boiling germ business? I don't know whether it's best to make my inside an aquarium for the living or a mausoleum for the dead!"

Our correspondent adds "Perhaps some of your experts may solve this knotty question."

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.

NURSING PROGRESS IN UGANDA.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I was much interested in the article in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING on the Nurses' Training College in Uganda, from many points of view. It seems almost incredible that in the last fifty years the people of this then almost unknown, and to a great extent uncivilised country, should have developed to such a wonderful extent. The lessons to be drawn are, in my opinion, that the judgment of so many people as to the characteristics of the "lazy nigger" are completely unjustified. Given the opportunity of development and the advantage of education, he has proved himself capable, and able to assimilate knowledge. I refer first to the men, for it is a matter of common knowledge that with native races the mental development of the men is usually in advance of that of the women, both because the men are first brought into contact with civilisation through their employment by white races, and, secondly (not an unknown thing even in European countries which pride themselves on being in the van of progress), native women are kept much in subjection, and their education is neglected.

It seems amazing, therefore, that young women in Uganda should be able to assimilate the theoretical and

practical training laid down by the Syllabus of the General Nursing Council and the Central Midwives Board, which are of a standard which taxes the capacity of many girls in this country. On the practical side, no doubt, Africans have many natural qualities to enable them to become good nurses, or, as Dr. Grinling claims, that they "have in them the making of as fine nurses as will be found the world over." But that they should be able to absorb the requisite theoretical knowledge is surprising. The development of the nursing and midwifery professions in Uganda will, I feel sure, be watched with interest and sympathy by many nurses besides myself.

Yours faithfully,

EDUCATIONIST.

A WELCOME NEW RULE OF THE C.M.B.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—Midwives will no doubt appreciate the new rule framed by the Central Midwives Board, which permits them to use the letters "S.C.M." after their names, instead of the cumbersome title of "Certified Midwife by Examination." Your comment in the *B.J.N.* that it will meet with general approval will be heartily endorsed by all who are entitled to use them.

Yours faithfully,

HENRIETTA HAWKINS, S.C.M.

KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

A Member of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses writes that the *League News* just to hand covers a very wide range. Especially will all League members—both those who were present at the Summer General Meeting, and those who were unable to attend—be pleased to find reported at length the account given by the President, Miss Helen Dey, R.R.C., of the changes affecting the nursing staff during her term of office from 1927—1934. "The authorised nursing staff in 1927, including the Matron, was 326. It is now 406—an increase of 80. This does not include 12 nurses in special departments who live outside the Nurses' Home, or, of course, the 100 nurses attached to the Trained Nurses' Institute."

A very interesting article, from a local paper, is sent by Miss C. Bligh, a League member who, with Miss Austin, has been engaged in mothercraft work in Baghdad in connection with the Women's Branch of the Red Crescent Society, showing how greatly this work has been appreciated. We Barts. nurses have reason to be proud of our members all over the world.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF NURSES, 1933.

We are informed by Mlle. Chaptal—President of the International Council of Nurses, 1929-33—that the volumes containing the Proceedings of the International Congress of Nurses, Paris-Brussels, July, 1933, in English, will be ready very shortly. They can be obtained from the French Headquarters, 6, rue François 1er, Paris, by sending a postal order or a cheque for 25 *French francs*, in the name of the President of the Association des Infirmières Diplômées de l'Etat Français (postal cheques, 700.01 Paris).

PRIZE COMPETITION QUESTION FOR NOVEMBER.

Describe the condition known as malnutrition and the factors which produce it. What steps can be taken to prevent and remedy it (1) in individual cases, and (2) by public health authorities?

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

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