

A WORD FOR THE MONTH.

"I shall die, but that is all that I shall do for Death.
I am not on his pay roll."

COMING EVENTS.

February 7th.—National Florence Nightingale Memorial. The Duchess of Devonshire, President, and the House Committee of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation "At Home," 15, Manchester Square, London, W. 4.30-6.30 p.m.

February 16th.—British College of Nurses. Council Meeting, 39, Portland Place, London, W. 2.30 p.m.

February 20th.—A Meeting of the League of Fever Nurses, will be held at the Royal British Nurses' Association Headquarters, 194, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7, at 4.30 p.m.

February 22nd.—General Nursing Council for England and Wales, Council Meeting, 20, Portland Place, London, W. 2.30 p.m.

WHAT TO READ.

BIOGRAPHY AND MEMOIRS.

"Great Contemporaries: The World's Leaders in Thought and Action," Essays by various hands.

"Turkestan Solo," Ella Maillart.

"Cornish of the Yard."

"Life and Death at the Old Bailey," R. Thurston Hopkins.

FICTION.

"T. Claudius" and "Claudius the God," Robert Graves.

"Death in a Little Town," R. C. Woodthorpe.

"The Black Consul," Gould.

"Bessie Cotter," Wallace Smith.

HISTORY.

"The Murder of the Romanovs," Capt. Paul Bulygin.

"The Scandal of Sophie Dawes," Marjorie Bowen.

"King James II.," F. M. G. Higham.

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.

THE ANTI-NOISE LEAGUE.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

MADAM,—The need for immediate action in order to mitigate the noise evil has been so clearly demonstrated by correspondents recently writing in the columns of your paper, that I am encouraged to address you in regard to the further development of our organisation aimed at the mitigation of this nuisance.

Briefly, we aim at enlisting, with the least possible delay, such a force of public opinion as will induce the authorities to regulate by law certain forms of noise which are manifestly injurious to the comfort, health and repose of the community at large, as well as being damaging to efficiency and to the amenities of numerous localities.

We therefore invite all who suffer from the infliction of unnecessary noise to communicate with us at the Anti-Noise League, 66, Victoria Street, London, S.W.1. The membership fee is merely nominal (5s. per annum), our object being to obtain the largest possible number of adherents prepared to join in such action that may from time to time be decided upon.

I am, MADAM,

Your obedient Servant,

RICH. F. MILLARD,

General Secretary,

Anti-Noise League,

66, Victoria Street, London, S.W.1.

THE APPLICATION OF HOT WATER BOTTLES.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I was pleased to see your timely reference to the necessity for care in the application of hot water bottles. At this time of year it is specially apposite. The care with which this routine duty should always be carried out, must not be relaxed for a moment, and as it is one often entrusted to junior probationers the serious results which may ensue from any carelessness in this respect should be impressed upon them both in class by the Sister Tutor, and in the ward by the Ward Sister.

The other point raised by you, the quality of the bottle used is also most important. In a long nursing career I have never until recent years had any occasion for anxiety on this score, but I cannot say this now. I think that the quality of the rubber now used—rubber indeed sometimes it is not—is very inferior, whether for the sake of cheapness, or for greater profit to the manufacturer, but the fact remains one no longer feels the same confidence as to the security of bottles from unknown sources, both as to the material used or the safety of the screw-tops. That is to say unless one uses Ingram's bottles, as you recommend. Then one's mind is at peace.

I am, Dear Madam,

Yours faithfully,

S. R. N.

KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

A Lovely Thing.

Miss H. Tong, of Lincoln, writes: "I saw your notice in the Grenfell Calendar. May I say that I got one last year and I consider it is a lovely thing. It occupies a prominent place in my sitting-room and to all admirers I try to tell a little of the work in Labrador."

A Bond of Unity.

Matron of Small Hospital writes: "I cannot think of anything more likely to make members of our profession realise the value of unity than to awake on May 12th and feel that all the world over they have cause for deep thankfulness because it is Florence Nightingale's Birthday. I feel sure we shall need no 'wireless' to convey a message of good will to our comrades in every land. We shall take up a little thanks gift on the day and forward to the Hon. Treasurer of the National Council of Nurses, although we are too few in number to form a League."

NOTICE.

We are asked by Miss A. Burgess, Matron of Crumpsall Hospital, Manchester, to say in connection with a paragraph which has appeared in the daily press that two mental nurses have been dismissed from Crumpsall Hospital that this is not the case. The incident has no connection whatever with the Nursing Staff of the Crumpsall Hospital.

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PRIZE COMPETITION QUESTION FOR MARCH.

Describe the nursing care, and the treatment you have seen prescribed, of a child suffering from acute rheumatism. What complications may arise?

We regret we are unable to award a prize this month.

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