

**COMING EVENTS.**

*September 12th.*—Quarterly Meeting Mental Hospital Matrons' Association, Bethlem Royal Hospital, Monks Orchard, Eden Park, Beckenham, Kent. 2.30 p.m. Preceded by a Meeting of the Executive Committee at 2 p.m.

*September 19th.*—The British College of Nurses. Council Meeting, 39, Portland Place, London, W. 2.30 p.m.

*September 22nd.*—Fulham Hospital, St. Dunstan's Road, Hammersmith, London, W. Distribution of Prizes to Nurses, by Dr. Somerville Hastings. 3 p.m.

*September 23rd.*—Congress Arrangements Committee, I.C.N., 39, Portland Place, London, W. 2.30 p.m.

*September 25th.*—General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Monthly Meeting, 20, Portland Place, London, W. 2.30 p.m.

**October.**

*October 21st.*—The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain. Meeting of the Executive Committee, 39, Portland Place, London, W. 2.30 p.m.

*October 22nd.*—Conference convened by the Royal Sanitary Institute, Sir Kingsley Wood, M.P., Minister of Health, presiding, to consider the new Midwives Act and its operation. Central Hall, Westminster. 2.30 p.m.

**November.**

*November 18th.*—The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain. Annual Meeting, 39, Portland Place, London, W. 2.30 p.m.

**WHAT TO READ.**

**MEMOIRS AND BIOGRAPHY.**

- "Henrietta Maria," Carola Oman.
- "Marguerite of Navarre," Samuel Putnam.
- "Memoirs of the Infanta Eulalia."
- "Walter Long and His Times," Sir Charles Petrie.
- "Burgomaster Max," Oscar E. Millard and Auguste Vierset.
- "Twenty-five Years of Leading Ladies," Mrs. C.B. Cochrane.
- "Uncle Leopold," Angus Holden.
- "Pauline Bonaparte," Joachim Kühn.
- "The Drama of the Dreyfus Case," by his son, Pierre Dreyfus.

**FICTION.**

- "The Emotional Journey," W. B. Maxwell.
- "Far Forest," F. Brett Young.
- "Prayer for My Son," Hugh Walpole.
- "Sherston's Progress," Siegfried Sassoon.
- "The Standard," Alexander Lernet-Holenia.
- "The Gentleman of the Party," A. G. Street.
- "The Two Doctors," Elizabeth Cambridge.
- "Savage Conflict," Daniel Macdougall.

**TRAVEL.**

- "South to Samarkand," Ethel Mannin.
- "News from Tartary," Peter Fleming.
- "The New Mongolia," Ladislaus Forbath.
- "Away from it all," Cedric Belfrage.

**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.*

**AN APPRECIATION**

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

The American Red Cross,  
National Headquarters,  
Washington, D.C.  
August 31, 1936.

MY DEAR MRS. FENWICK,—Please accept my sincere gratitude for the copy of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING

in which appears the very lovely obituary notice of Miss Noyes. I am sure you will be interested when I tell you that this notice will be placed in a Noyes exhibit on what is known as the memorial shelves in the Red Cross Library. Indeed you have understood the great loss to not only the nurses in the United States, but to the international groups. Miss Noyes' death came so suddenly that we are still hardly able to realise that she is not just away for a visit. She was looking forward with a great deal of interest and pleasure to the visit to London next year.

Again may I express our appreciation for your thoughtfulness?

Sincerely yours,  
IDA F. BUTLER,  
Acting Director of Nursing.

**SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION OF CRIME.**

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I was very interested to read of the proposal of the Senate of the University of London that a National Medico-Legal Institute should be established in the University. I believe that great good would come of it. The more one knows of crime—and we nurses come across it in a variety of aspects—one feels that a better understanding of the factors which lead to crime would result in intelligent discrimination between crime and disease, which must make for a high standard in the administration of justice.—Yours faithfully,

STATE REGISTERED NURSE.

**KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.**

**Canadian Nurses' Good Fortune.**

*Dr. Helen MacMurchy, Toronto, writes:* "Thank you very much indeed for sending me the August number of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING. As you know, it is a Journal I have always admired and been interested in, and I read every page of it, especially the two you had kindly marked. I had not seen before the picture of His Majesty speaking to the Canadian Nurses. How interesting!—and how fortunate those nurses were!"

**The Last Straw: Unjust Taxation.**

*A Registered Nurse writes:* "I have carefully studied what has been published in the British Journal of Nursing re the new Midwives Act. It certainly is amazing that Registered Nurses may have to pay taxes to subsidise 'Nurse Midwives,' unqualified in so far as nursing is concerned, who are to be sent to nurse the sick poor by Voluntary Associations controlled by the laity. Can you beat it for gross injustice? No wonder there is a shortage of probationers of the educated type.

I desire to express gratitude to the Council of the British College of Nurses, and to the Royal British Nurses' Association for exposing and trying to prevent this political injury. Alas! our economic dependence is realised by those in authority.

No wonder the Bishop of London in a recent address rebuked the present generation of women, and told them they had not inherited the political ardour of the generation who won the vote for them."

**PRIZE COMPETITION QUESTION FOR OCTOBER.**

What is meningitis? Mention the causes and symptoms (1) of tuberculous meningitis, and (2) of meningococcal meningitis. What points should be observed, and how should they be dealt with by a nurse caring for a patient suffering from this disease?

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