

**THE PRINCE OF WALES AND UNIVERSITY WOMEN.**

The Prince of Wales was present at the dinner of the British Federation of University Women which was held at the Savoy Hotel in aid of the Crosby Hall Endowment Fund, to convert the building into a permanent residence club-house for women graduate students of the Empire and other nations.

The Prince made a most sympathetic speech. £50,000 is required, £18,000 has already been given, and at the Dinner it was announced that £13,732 subscriptions had been raised entirely through the interest aroused by the Prince of Wales.

**THE ACQUISITORS' SOCIETY.**

A couple of months ago we proposed in this JOURNAL the formation of a Society of small collectors, with the object of helping to keep in this country as many antiques as possible, now that thousands of pounds' worth of our national works of arts and crafts fashioned in past centuries, are being bought up by wealthy foreigners—and are being shipped abroad in thousands. In our youth there were to be found in every home, from castle to cottage, lovely old bits of furniture, pictures, porcelain, pottery, pewter, brass, needlework, &c. In how many homes to-day can one find one really artistic object?

Our suggestion has met with sufficient support to encourage us to invite those interested to a meeting at 431, Oxford Street, W., to discuss the matter, and this will take place at 5 p.m. on Friday, March 13th. Anyone interested in the subject will be welcomed.

Queens and Royal Princesses are all supposed to overflow with philanthropic ardour, although we have heard one Royal lady whisper: "Low be it spoken, but I find the disease so much more interesting than the patient," and these philanthropic activities have, with many, taken the time devoted in centuries past to the encouragement of the Arts—by Kings, Queens, *maitresses en titre*, merchant princes, and territorial magnates, all of whom patronised genius, and in keeping many artists from starvation, enabled them to enrich the world with noble treasures. No royal lady of our time has done more to encourage the arts and crafts than Queen Mary—who is a born collector—and knows the thrill of the quest.

Quite recently Her Majesty has, by gracious permission, accepted the dedication of "The Quest of the Antique," a new work by Mrs. Willoughby Hodgson, a most fascinating volume containing sixty-four pages of coloured and half-tone plates, and full from cover to cover of extraordinarily interesting information. Who can fail to be interested in a Queen Anne's doll's house, completely furnished, the Wig, the Shoe and the Corset of other days, Chinese Lowestoft China, the English Silver Spoon. The Evolution of the Writing Table, Tea Drinking, Dr. Johnson and the Teapot, Punch Bowls and Ladles, Jacobean Toasting Glasses, and a dozen other equally historic subjects. This reminds us that a Presentation Copy of the "Quest," exquisitely bound in rose leather and gold, has been accepted and is greatly admired by the Queen, and that Mrs. Willoughby Hodgson, the erudite authoress, has most kindly consented to lecture in the near future at the Royal British Nurses' Association Club in Queen's Gate, on collecting. This would be a unique occasion at which to inaugurate "The Little Collectors' Society," and will, no doubt, attract a large audience.

At a recent meeting of the Royal College of Physicians, a new bye-law was passed making women eligible for admission to the Fellowship.

Until last month women in Jersey were legally regarded as "chattels," but the Jersey States, having passed a form of the English named Women's Property Act, this unenviable classification had been removed.

**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.*

**WHAT WILL THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL DO?**

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—A County Council that shall, for the moment, be nameless, has been employing, it would appear, trained and untrained or semi-trained women as Nurses.

Up to the time that the State Registered uniform was available, this Council did not trouble as to the garb its Nurses wore. As soon as the State uniform was ready, however, and the trained nurses keen to wear it, they were informed that the County Council were considering a uniform of their own. They, naturally, demurred at this. Recently, the Staff has been informed by the County Council Medical Officer that it will be required to wear the *Council's uniform* on the order of the Committee of the County Council. A Nurse enquired what would happen supposing the trained nurses preferred to wear the State Registered uniform, and the Medical Officer's reply was, they would cease to be members of the Staff. (Britons never, never shall be slaves). Naturally, the trained nurses are up in arms.

When one suggested that an appeal be made to the General Nursing Council, she was informed that that would be no use, as everything had been talked over and approved by the Committee.

One wonders what the General Nursing Council will do in such a case to uphold the status of the Registered Nurse and her uniform, also, how much longer nurses will stand these insults.

The excuse given for putting them into uniform was that some had been wearing unsuitable clothes on duty. What's wrong with the State Registered uniform?

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**SERVERS OF THE BLIND.**

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—May I ask for permission to appeal through the columns of your journal for the practical support and co-operation of your readers in a very important national work which is being undertaken by the Braille and "Servers of the Blind" League, 3, Upper Woburn Place, W.C.1, of which Dame Ellen Terry is President—namely, full provision for the blind defectives of Great Britain? No provision exists at present for these doubly-afflicted people, and the Ministry of Health has specially asked us to undertake this work.

The first of the "Ellen Terry" National Homes in Reigate, for blind, defective children up to the age of ten years, is on the point of opening, and is to be followed, as soon as may be, by a second home for older children.—Yours truly,

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Organising Secretary.

3, Upper Woburn Place, London, W.C.1.

"Daffodil day" in support of the above object, is February 28th.

**PRIZE COMPETITION QUESTION FOR APRIL.**

Describe the symptoms and course of acute bronchitis. Mention the chief points in the nursing and treatment.

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