

LEGAL MATTERS.**COMMEND US TO A V.A.D. FOR PERSONAL PUSH.**

At Scarborough County Court the interesting point arose in a house possession case as to whether a V.A.D. nurse is a member of His Majesty's Forces, and, as such, entitled to the special privileges of the Rent Act, 1920. Miss Florence Myers, teacher, 19, Hillcrest View, Chapeltown Road, Leeds, was the applicant, and she claimed possession of 44, Ashville Avenue, Scarborough.

Mr. J. Whitfield said Miss Myers had offered to share the house with respondent. She had served as a V.A.D. nurse in France, and during that time had had the same field allowances and privileges as officers serving in the theatre of war.

Mr. Tasker Hart, who represented respondent, said he had failed to find a definition in the Army Act as to whether V.A.D. nurses were members of H.M. Forces.

His Honour Judge Fossett Lock adjourned the application for a month, and intimated that it would then have to fail if Mr. Whitfield could not furnish documentary proof that the V.A.D., or that part of it which served overseas, was part of His Majesty's Forces.

We think His Honour Judge Fossett Lock might have given judgment without adjournment. Neither a fully-qualified Nursing Sister nor a V.A.D. can claim the privileges of members of H.M. Forces. That is why we urge Relative Rank for Service Nurses. Teachers posing as nurses should be easily disposed of in Courts of Law, even if outside they are encouraged to assume professional status and demand special privileges.

THE NURSING AND MIDWIFERY EXHIBITION AND CONFERENCE.

Nurses and midwives should note the dates of the coming Nursing and Midwifery Exhibition and Conference (the eleventh annual one). It is to be held again in the Royal Horticultural Hall, Vincent Square, London, S.W., which, though large, is never too large for this Exhibition. Already we are informed nearly all the space is booked up and it is likely to be more representative than ever before. In addition to the exhibits by firms, there will be several interesting professional exhibits. The dates are May 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th. The Conference will again be held in the large conference room upstairs on May 18th, 19th and 20th (three sessions a day). An interesting programme is being arranged. Suggestions as to subjects or speakers will be carefully considered by the Committee and may be sent to Miss J. Prior, Assistant Secretary, 22, Great Portland Street, London, W.1.

A WORD FOR THE WEEK.

The blessed work of helping the world forward happily does not wait to be done by perfect men.—*George Eliot.*

OUTSIDE THE GATES.**CONFERENCE OF LABOUR WOMEN.**

The National Conference of Labour Women, organised by the Labour Party, to be held at Manchester on April 27th and 28th, is expected to be the largest conference of women ever organised by the Labour movement in any country. The agenda contains 67 resolutions on international policy, Ireland, unemployment, workmen's compensation, the cost of living, &c.

The following resolutions prove the direct methods by which Labour women express their convictions:—

"That in all revolting cases, during the hearing of which women jurors sit, they should be allowed to sift all the evidence and perform their duties without remark from Judge or counsel, especially as a woman or a child is concerned in most of these cases, and women jurors must carry out a responsible, even if obnoxious, public duty."

"This conference expresses its disgust with the present position of local and national enfranchisement of women, especially the exclusion of all women under the age of 30 years from the Parliamentary vote. We declare this to be an insult in particular to thousands of working mothers who, being called upon to help the nation in its hour of crisis, are still regarded as lacking sufficient brain power to use the vote. We further inform the narrow-minded, short-sighted statesmen of the British Government that their evident impotence in the hands of capitalist profiteers, resulting in our post-war economic difficulties, has hastened the growth of a class consciousness and a determination among women that demands the opportunity to share the responsibilities of the government of our country."

Ten resolutions deal with mothers' pensions, some of which advocate various forms of endowment of motherhood.

COMING EVENTS.

April 26th.—Meeting of the Poor Law Infirmary Matrons' Association to discuss Draft Syllabus for the Training of Nurses issued by General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Eustace Miles' Restaurant, Chandos Street, Charing Cross. 3 p.m.

April 28th.—General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Conference on Nursing Education, and Alternative and Reciprocal Training of Nurses. Royal Society of Medicine, 1, Wimpole Street, London, W. 11 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.

April 28th.—The Isla Stewart Memorial Fund Dinner, to delegate members of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses to the Conference convened by the General Nursing Council of England and Wales. Hotel Jules, 85, Jermyn Street, Piccadilly Circus, S.W. 7.30 p.m.

April 30th.—Quarterly Meeting of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland. At 2, Portland Place, W., by kind invitation of Mrs. Walter Spencer. 3 p.m.

April 30th.—Sale of Work. Nurses' Memorial to King Edward VII., Victoria Infirmary, Glasgow.

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