

A wiser view is, therefore, to regard those six members who are standing firm for right and justice for the Registered Nurses as the leaven which eventually, in the inevitable progress of evolution, will leaven the whole lump—the advance guard of that great Army of Workers whose oncoming footsteps in the March of Freedom are so plainly discernible by those whose ears are not deaf to the things of the spirit.

What if at the present moment we are insulted, defamed? We will call to mind the noble reply of that ship's master who found himself at the mercy of his enemy:—

Julietta: "Why, slaves, 'tis in our power to hang ye."

Master: "Very likely."
'Tis in our powers then to be hanged, and scorn ye.*

It is evident that the Nurses' struggle for self-determination is not yet ended. That the animus of reaction against those in the van of professional evolution is so intense that, did the law of the land permit, we might not only be hanged, but drawn and quartered.

Nevertheless, let Lord Knutsford be under no misapprehension. The lustre surrounding those who strive for expression for the spiritual principle in man increases with the centuries. The obstruction of the materialist passes into oblivion.

We have made an immense step forward in the passing of the Nurses' Registration Acts, the Nursing Profession is now based on legal status, and it only remains for future generations of well-educated Registered Nurses to use the privileges conferred upon them, with the aim of raising ever higher the standards of education and professional ethics, public usefulness, and civic spirit of their members.

I am, dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
ETHEL G. FENWICK,
Registered Nurse.
(Member of the General Nursing Council
for England and Wales.)

COMING EVENTS.

June 16th.—Monthly Meeting. General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Ministry of Health, Whitehall, S.W. 2.30 p.m.

June 18th.—Hospital Sunday. Jubilee year.

June 21st.—Overseas Nursing Association. Annual Meeting, Kent House, Knightsbridge, S.W. 3.30 p.m.

June 22nd.—Monthly Meeting. Central Midwives' Board. 1, Queen Anne's Gate Buildings, S.W.

June 28th.—Combined Hospital Appeal. Princess Mary's Ball, Albert Hall, S.W.

June 30th.—Royal British Nurses' Association. Annual Meeting. Her Royal Highness, Princess Christian, the President, will preside. 194, Queen's Gate, S.W. 5.30 p.m.

* "The Sea Voyage." Beaumont & Fletcher.

RANYARD MISSION.

The 65th Anniversary Gathering was held in the Central Hall, Westminster, on Friday last, June 9th, preceded by a Meeting at which Dr. Horton took the chair. Mr. McAdam Eccles and Sir William Collins both spoke to the value of the work done in the various London parishes and centres by the Ranyard Nurses. Miss Knight Bruce and Dr. Edward Lyttelton also spoke, and emphasised the present need for help such as is given by the Mission Workers and Nurses. Miss Irene Hett, Hon. Secretary to the Mission, spoke of both sides of the work, and appealed for funds to maintain the Mission at its present strength. At the conclusion of the meeting tea was served in the Library, and Miss Kimpton's Ladies' Amateur Orchestra very kindly provided music. An abundance of beautiful flowers had been sent by various friends, and each Nurse and Mission Worker took back a posy to her parish. During the afternoon the Senior Mission Worker present, on behalf of her fellow Mission Workers and Nurses, presented to Miss Hett a case containing £172, which they had collected as a birthday gift to the Mission.

"Wherever you are,
Work for your soul's sake,
That all the clay of you, all of the dross of you,
May yield to the fire of you."

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

WELCOME HOME.

Our greatly-beloved Prince of Wales is to be home again, after his wonderful ambassadorial tour, on June 21st. He is to be welcomed at Plymouth, and arrive in London in the afternoon.

It is officially stated that the Prince will take the following route from Paddington Station:—London Street, Oxford and Cambridge Terrace, Edgware Road, Marble Arch, through the Park to Hyde Park Corner, Piccadilly, St. James's Street, Marlborough Gate, The Mall, to Buckingham Palace.

A rousing welcome awaits him. We shall all want to get a peep at him and join in the acclamations.

WOMEN'S CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE.

An interesting meeting of the Consultative Committee of Women's Organisations was held on Thursday afternoon, June 8th, at 39, Victoria Street. Lady Astor, M.P., Mrs. Wintringham, M.P., Miss Picton-Turberville, O.B.E., and Lady Galway were among those upon the platform.

Early in the proceedings the Royal British Nurses' Association was admitted to the number of Societies which go to make up the Consultative Committee.

Lady Astor (the President) gave an exceedingly amusing and interesting account of her late visit to America upon women's business.

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