

Ah! the air is full of freedom,
All the world is full of cheer;
I am writing this to thank you
For you helped to place me here.

I flew!
Upward climbing to the engine's war.
The clay is dead, but still the soul can soar.
Imprisoned here, as by some earthly chain,
In higher life, my soul shall soar again.

From "Looking On,"

By JIMMY HOWCROFT.

THE REGISTERED NURSES' SOCIETY.

A MEMBER'S GOOD FORTUNE.

Mr. Robert More, of Woodsgate Place, Bexhill, Sussex, and The Cottage, Cliff Avenue, Cromer, who died on August 17th, aged 65, has left estate of the value of £96,202. He gives:—

All movable chattels, except money and securities, at The Cottage, £500; and an annuity of £500 to Kate Elizabeth Holiday, a nurse in his employ.

Incidentally both Miss Kate Elizabeth Holiday, and her sister, Miss Rose Holiday, have made their fortunes through the Registered Nurses' Society. The Sisters became members in 1896 and 1898. The elder sister, Rose, married a patient to whom she was sent and on his death inherited £32,000. Kate nursed with great devotion the invalid son of Mr. Robert More, and after his death, Mr. More having become blind and in failing health, she remained as his nurse and "other self" for eighteen years.

Both sisters were unsurpassed private nurses, such as are not too numerous in these days—skilful, sympathetic, and untiring.

Miss Kate Holiday will, no doubt, enjoy a well-deserved rest after her strenuous years of professional work.

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

King Edward's Hospital Fund has made a further distribution of £100,000 out of the proceeds of the Hospitals of London Combined Appeal, making, with £150,000 distributed on August 3rd, a total to date of £250,000.

The Prince of Wales will open, at 3 p.m., on November 23rd, the new Princess Mary Home and Physio-Therapy Department, Tite Street, in connection with the Victoria Hospital for Children, Chelsea.

It is almost incredible that twenty cases of small-pox could occur in a Poor Law Institution without the authorities being aware of it, yet such was the case at the Poplar Poor Law Institution, where a case of small-pox was discovered on Friday in last week, and investigation led to the discovery of nineteen other persons suffering from the disease. They have now been removed for isolation. What sort of care can be at the disposal of these poor persons, where such condi-

tions are possible? We hope this matter will not be allowed to be hushed up. Someone is to blame for permitting such a grave danger to the public. Meanwhile vaccination and re-vaccination should be actively pressed by Medical Officers of Health and others.

THE PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION.

MAJOR BARNETT THE NURSES' CHAMPION.

Major R. W. Barnett is standing again as Conservative candidate for South-West St. Pancras, and hundreds of nurses will realise the immense debt of gratitude they owe to him, for they have certainly not forgotten that early in 1919, favoured by the ballot for precedence, he introduced the Nurses' Registration Bill into the House of Commons, and was fortunate enough to pass it through its Second Reading and Committee stages. The Government then took the question up and introduced three Bills, based upon Major Barnett's measure, one for England and Wales, one for Scotland, and one for Ireland, which passed into law before the end of the year.

In his Election Address to his old constituency (South-West St. Pancras), Major Barnett refers to the Nurses' Registration Acts and says: "I am proud, as a private member, to have taken the initiative in legislation which has raised a noble vocation to the status and dignity of a profession."

Major Barnett is to be opposed by Mr. Comyns Carr (Asquithian-Liberal) and Mr. G. Horne (Lab.).

It will be remembered in connection with the last election, that a factor in his large majority was the splendid record of war service to his credit. As Instructor of Musketry he trained 40,000 recruits, and was mentioned in the Secretary of War's list "for valuable services rendered in connection with the war." It is well known also that in spite of being above age, he was most anxious for active service. His opponent, though twenty years younger, failed to exhibit the same patriotic ardour! Nurses, intimately related as they are to the sick and wounded in war, are, as a profession, exceedingly patriotic women, and it must always be a satisfaction to them that the man to whose generous advocacy they owe their legal status, was, and is, a splendid patriot.

What are we going to do to show our appreciation of Major Barnett's championship, not only of our Bill, but of his independent action in opposing inimical legislation, and the attempt to suppress justifiable opposition to the now notorious Rule 9 (a), thrust through the House of Commons by the late (and not lamented) Minister of Health? On several occasions Major Barnett has opposed, from most honourable motives, the policy and measures of the late Coalition Government, showing an independence not always appreciated by the powers that be.

This is the type of Member of Parliament who puts conscience and honour before expediency—the type that women voters demand—and it is up to the nurses in his constituency to do all in their power to help to return Major Barnett with an

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