

## OUTSIDE THE GATES.

## NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN.

The Annual Meeting and Conference of the National Council of Women of Great Britain and Ireland will be held in the Dome and Royal Pavilion, Brighton, from October 6th to 10th. The special subject for the Conference is "The Call to the Younger Generation," and on Monday, October 6th, at 8 p.m., there will be a meeting for Girls in the Dome, at which the Chairman will be the Viscountess Astor, M.P., when Miss C. T. Cumberbirch, B.A., Principal of the Municipal Training College, Hull, will speak on "Openings for Social Service, Paid and Unpaid," and Mrs. George Morgan, President of the National Council of Women, will speak on "The Spirit Behind Work."

On Tuesday, October 7th, the Representative Council Meeting will be held in the Dome, when the President will be in the Chair. Addresses of welcome will be given by the Mayors of Brighton and Hove, and by Lady Cowan, President of the Brighton and Hove Branch. Mrs. George Morgan will then give the Presidential Address, the Annual Report, Statement of Accounts, and Hon. Editor's Report will be presented by the respective officials, and amendments to the Constitution will be considered. Under this heading it will be proposed by the Countess of Selborne, on behalf of the Executive:—

"That women Members of Parliament shall, during their tenure of office, be eligible for election as Hon. Members of the Executive, with power to vote; these members to be elected in addition to the twelve ordinary members."

The Representative Council Meeting will be continued in the afternoon, when the Resolutions on the Agenda will be taken.

At 4.45 there will be a Reception by the Local Conference Committee to the Executive Committee and Branch Secretaries in the Royal Pavilion, and at 8 o'clock a public meeting, when the subject will be "The Call from Home," "Home Makers," "Good Housing," and "Homes Overseas."

The programme for Wednesday, October 8th, is:—9.30 a.m., Devotional Meeting in the Royal Pavilion; 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., continuation of Representative Council Meeting.

The election by ballot of the Executive Committee will take place in the Ballot Room from 9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. In the afternoon there will be visits to local Educational and Health Institutions, and at 5.15 a Conference of Women Justices of the Peace, open to representatives only, "To discuss whether preventive detention of men guilty of more than one offence would be a suitable remedy for child assault," when Mrs. Edwin Gray, J.P., will preside.

At 8 p.m., there will be a Public Meeting; subject, "The Call from the Nation," when Lady Cowan will preside. Mr. Frank Briant, M.P., will speak on "Citizenship," and Mrs. George Cadbury, M.A., O.B.E., on "The Responsibility of the Individual."

On Thursday, October 9th, the Representative Council will meet again, and in the afternoon will consider Resolutions adopted in Copenhagen, to be placed upon the agenda for the meeting of the International Council of Women in 1925, when Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon, D.Sc., Ph.D., F.L.S., J.P., will open the discussion.

At 8 p.m. there will be a Reception by invitation by the Mayors of Brighton and Hove in the Royal Pavilion.

On Friday, the Rev. R. J. Campbell, D.D., will be the preacher at the special service in Holy Trinity Church, after which there will be excursions to places of interest in and around Brighton, and the Conference will conclude with a Public Meeting on "The Call from the World," when the Chair will be taken by the Lady Frances Balfour, LL.D., D.Litt., and the Viscount Cecil of Chelwood will speak on "The Work of the League of Nations."

## POEM.

## LOVE IN THE DESERT.

The dusky veil of purple night  
Dissolved in shimm'ring dawn,  
And Abdul, lying sleepless, watched  
The magic moment born.

He watched the sapphire-tinted sky  
Grow flushed with rose and gold,  
And longed with burning passion  
His Heart of Rose to hold.

At last he saw a flap of tent  
Fall cautiously aside,  
Aziza with the dusky hair  
And fingers rosy-dyed

Crept softly forth to meet her love  
And never once looked back,  
With Abdul she will fearless tread  
The lonely desert track.

Hour after hour their camel trod  
The burning sandy ways,  
They paused not till the sun went down  
In glorious golden haze.

Then Abdul took Aziza's hand  
And led her to his tent,  
Fed her with dates, new camel's milk  
And sweetmeats richly blent,

He lit a fire of desert scrub  
Whence soon a red flame glows,  
His love woke love in the soft eyes  
Of his dear Heart of Rose.

The burning wind had fiercely fanned  
His burning soul to flame,  
And to his yearning outstretched arms  
Aziza gladly came.

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## COMING EVENTS.

September 30th.—Nurses' Missionary League. Small Missionary Exhibition and Valedictory Meetings. University Hall, Gordon Square, W.C. 10.15 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.

September 30th.—League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses. Lecture: "Some Great Painters of the Later Renaissance." Mr. H. Wellington. Medical and Surgical Theatre, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C. 8.30 p.m.

October 17th.—Meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, Ministry of Health, S.W. 2.30 p.m.

October 18th.—Sale organised by the Handicraft Guild of the Professional Union of Trained Nurses. Plane Tree Restaurant, 106, Great Russell Street, W.C. 3 to 6.30 p.m.

## WORD FOR THE MONTH.

"The great thing that our country needs is a sustaining faith in the virtue of careful work, confident that while doing our work we are inspiring the young to do theirs, and instead of limiting the vision to this or that programme we are teaching our people to know that human capacity for improvement is almost infinite, and that the best thing that a generation can do, not only for itself but for all the generations that are to come, is to do its own work in a good, workmanlike way, quietly, faithfully, prayerfully, so that it will go down to the grey mists of time with pride in its heart and happiness in its soul."—*The Prime Minister at Leicester.*

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