

LEGACIES FOR NURSES.

Mrs. Frances Levine Fowler, late of Stone Cross, Lindfield, Sussex, left £1,300 to Miss Kathleen Evans, her nurse.

PRESENTATION.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Minister of Health, presented the Gold Medal awarded for the best all-round work of the year to Miss Goslett, Marylebone Hospital, on July 24th. This was a great honour duly appreciated by the whole nursing staff.

RESIGNATION

The resignation, by Miss Mary Steuart Donaldson, is announced of the Matronship of the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, a fine but onerous appointment, and an institution which produces some of the best nurses we know.

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

The Duke of Connaught, who was accompanied by Princess Helena Victoria and Princess Marie Louise, recently unveiled a memorial window to Prince and Princess Christian at the Royal Chapel of All Saints', near Cumberland Lodge, Windsor Great Park, with the following words:—"In loving memory of Helena, my dear sister, and Christian, I unveil this memorial."

Prince and Princess Christian worshipped at this church for half a century, and the window is placed at the back of the Royal pew. It was designed and executed by Mr. J. N. Comper, and bears the following inscription:—"In thankful remembrance of the lives of Christian and Helena this window is dedicated by their children, kinsfolk and friends. Anno Domini 1924." One section of the window represents St. Helena and the finding of the Cross, and the other shows St. David, King of Scotland, and the stag with the Cross between its antlers. On the one side are the arms of the Princess, and on the other the arms of the Prince within the Garter.

The Annual Meeting and Conference of the National Council of Women of Great Britain will be held in Birmingham from September 19th to 25th next, and all information concerning its Programme can be obtained from Miss Nora Green, General Secretary, Parliament Mansions, Victoria Street, London, S.W. 1.

The Representative Council Meetings, at which business is considered—such as elections of officers and committees and resolutions—take place at the Town Hall, Birmingham, on September 21st, 22nd and 23rd, and some of the questions to be debated are of great interest. Humane Slaughter of Animals, Employment of Married Women, Peeresses in the House of Lords, and the Ministry of Women, and a dozen other matters, will no doubt find able promoters.

The Hon. Mrs. Franklin—so well-known and highly esteemed—has been nominated as President, and we shall all welcome her, if elected.

There are no new nominations by Nursing Organisations as representatives of the Affiliated Societies. This is a pity, as new blood is always wholesome—and organised women, as a whole, take absolutely no interest whatever in trained nursing progress. Thus when they are elected on to our State Governing Body they are worse than useless, and often very mischievous.

WORD FOR THE MONTH.

The world is a world which loves conceding favours, but hates, from the bottom of its heart, if not on the surface of its words, to admit rights.—From *Mary Glenn*, by Sarah Gertrude Millin. (Constable.)

KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

STABILISE THE CURRICULUM.

A Witness: "I regret we none of us made the point before the Select Committee on the General Nursing Council of one great benefit to those in training of a compulsory scheme. If the G.N.C., on the suggestion of the Ministry of Health, is to 'issue on their own authority, such instructions and recommendations as to the course of training as they may from time to time consider it desirable to issue for the guidance of the nurse training schools,' nothing could be more confusing and unjust to those in training. The strongest reason, in my opinion, for a 'prescribed scheme of training' is that it should be for a definite period of years, so as to stabilise the curriculum, and those in training know what they have to learn. Imagine if, in the middle of the three years' term, the G.N.C. found it 'more consonant with the dignity of a statutory body' as the Minister writes, to issue a new scheme, what chance would those in training have of passing the compulsory examination? The truth is that, until a compulsory scheme is in force, the whole system is a farce."

"A VERY HAPPY MEMORY."

Miss Dorothy Wyon, Official Delegate of the Nurses' Association of China to the Meeting of the International Council of Nurses at Helsingfors, who has now returned to England, writes: "I had a very nice journey back, except for the North Sea which was very rough, and we were delayed for two hours. It was very good of you to allow me to join your party on the way out. I did enjoy my time with you all so much, and thank you very much for all your kindness. It will all remain as a very happy memory for me, and I am so very glad I was able to get to the Congress. We did have a splendid time, didn't we?" (We did, and Miss Wyon was a distinct acquisition to a very happy party.—M. B.)

NOTICES.

PRIZE COMPETITION.

Owing to great pressure on our space, the Prize Competition Paper is unavoidably held over. We propose to publish it in our September Issue.

OUR REPORT OF THE HELSINGFORS CONGRESS.

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