

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN.

The Annual Meeting and Conference of the National Council of Women was held at Birmingham from September 19th to 24th, to which the Lord Mayor (Alderman P. Bower) extended the City's welcome in the Town Hall. Mrs. George Morgan, the President, delivered an admirable address, and after the audience had listened to the Annual Report there came a pleasant incident, when a cheque for £500, and a gold wristlet watch was presented to Miss Norah Green (General Secretary), in recognition of her twenty-one years' loyal and efficient service.

Later in the week the Hon. Mrs. Franklin, a sister of Lord Swaythling, was elected unopposed to the office of President for the year 1925-6, and Lady Emmott was elected acting Vice-President. Both ladies are well known and very popular in National Council circles.

A comprehensive report of the proceedings and decisions of the Conference appeared day by day in the *Birmingham Post*, at which the speaking reached a high level—usually tempered with discretion—the Council, as a whole, being composed of women of Conservative characteristics, from the favoured environment of comfortable homes.

The resolutions agreed to, all made for the uplifting of morality and humanity, and in consequence of the health of the people.

The delegates placed a wreath on the Cenotaph in the Birmingham Hall of Memory on the Opening Day of the Conference.

Charming hospitality was extended to all delegates. The place of next year's Meeting was left undecided.

By permission of the King the public are now admitted to the old Tudor Kitchen recently opened at Hampton Court—admission is 3d., and it is closed on Fridays.

A request from the Canadian National Women's Christian Temperance Union that the Anglican Church in Canada should officially disapprove of military training for young men in schools and colleges, has been refused by the Executive Council of the General Synod of the Church, which has expressed the belief "that it sometimes becomes the duty of Christian men to take up arms in defence of the sacred principles of liberty, truth, and righteousness, as the British Empire did in the case of the world war."

COMING EVENTS.

October 8th.—Nurses' Missionary League. Day of Prayer and Valedictory Meeting. University Hall, Gordon Square, W.C.1.

October 16th.—General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Meeting, 20 Portland Place, London, W., 2.30 p.m.

October 23rd.—Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council, Meeting to consider the Report of the Select Committee of the House of Commons on the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, together with Resolutions thereon, 4 p.m.

November 14th.—National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland. Meeting of Grand Council, 431, Oxford Street, London, W.1. 3 p.m.

R.B.N.A. CLUB CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER.

For Royal British Nurses Association *Club Calendar* see Advertisement Supplement, page 1.

"QUIET DISTINCTION AND DIGNITY."

The firm of Messrs. Brooks & Co., Borough High Street, London Bridge, London, close to Guy's Hospital, has grown and gained success by its high standard of workmanship, good qualities and the quiet distinction and dignity always created by the Uniforms supplied. The firm is authorised to supply the Uniform of the State Registered Nurses.

PUERPERAL FEVER.

We are informed by direction of the Minister of Health that he has had under consideration the hospital accommodation available in London for cases of puerperal fever, and he is satisfied as a result of enquiries that further special facilities both for nursing and medical treatment are required with a view to reducing the mortality from this disease.

Arrangements have accordingly been made by the Metropolitan Asylums' Board whereby in future the cases of puerperal fever referred to the Board will be concentrated as far as practicable in three of their institutions, namely, the Eastern Hospital, Homerton, the North-Western Hospital, Hampstead, and the South-Western Hospital, Stockwell, where special wards will be set aside for these cases and special medical and nursing staffs provided. The Metropolitan Asylums' Board have also, with the Minister's approval, appointed an obstetric consultant at these three institutions.

It is recognised that suitable accommodation for cases of puerperal fever is available at other institutions, but the Minister trusts that the Borough Councils will take steps to secure, as far as practicable, that full use is made of the accommodation provided by the Metropolitan Asylums' Board for cases occurring in the Borough.

The above information has been sent to the Metropolitan Borough Councils, with the request that their Medical Officers of Health may be instructed to bring it to the notice of the general practitioners practising in the Boroughs.

KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

Member, Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council.—
"I have studied your evidence in *B.J.N.* before Select Committee on General Nursing Council—for which a thousand thanks. I have also expended 4s. on the Committee's Report of the Proceedings. It is most illuminating, and should be in the hands of every member of our Parliamentary Council. The gentleman from the Ministry—who although a layman—apparently acts in the capacity of a 'nursing pundit,' stated in his evidence that the College of Nursing (minus 'Limited') and the Royal British Nurses' Association 'are really the organisations that count.' Now that the Committee has reported in favour of free nomination and election for the General Nursing Council—instead of the reactionary system which the G.N.C. and Ministry have attempted to thrust upon us, this gentleman might in the future include the Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council as an organisation which 'counts,' as that society took the initiative in petitioning for a Select Committee to consider grievances—and has obtained such a signal victory for our Profession, if in the future we have the sense to make use of it, that the Ministry will be wise not to ignore it for the future. I note with pleasure that the Royal British Nurses' Association and the College of Nursing, Ltd., both gave their support to our Petition for a democratic system of election."

PRIZE COMPETITION FOR NOVEMBER.

Give a brief account of the symptoms of Acute Rheumatism, and mention the sequelae. What nursing and general treatment are indicated?

We regret that we were unable to award a prize this month.

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