

WORD FOR THE MONTH.

"Prayer is a man's free expression of his consciousness of the realities of the supernatural world. In its full vigour it is the energy of his whole being in communion with God. In prayer a man exercises powers for which this world of time and sense cannot provide true scope, but which come to their fullest activity when he engages in that mysterious but real intercourse in which God speaks to his soul and the soul responds to Him in reverent confidence."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not in ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.

THANK-OFFERING FUND FOR THE KING'S RECOVERY

Organised by King Edward's Hospital Fund for London and the National Radium Fund.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

MADAM,—Now that the National Radium side of the Thank-offering Fund has completed the £150,000 which it set out to obtain for Radium, it would be the wish of all connected with King Edward's Hospital Fund that the needs of hospitals outside London should be more directly associated with the Thank-offering Fund.

King Edward's Hospital Fund, selected by Audax for his munificent gift, is partially a national object for a thank-offering, in the sense that the London hospitals are national institutions and that His Majesty is personally associated with the King's Fund, of which he was President for nine years and is now Patron. The feeling of thankfulness for the King's recovery is, of course, national in the very widest sense.

The desire of donors outside London to help their own hospitals could no doubt be met by the opening of local funds, but if donors prefer to send contributions to the offices of the Thank-offering Fund at 103, Kingsway, W.C.2, earmarked wholly or partly for hospitals in which they are particularly interested, we will take care that such gifts are allocated in accordance with their wishes.

The main thing is that the nation's thankfulness should be expressed by as large a total as possible for the benefit of hospitals, which form such a suitable object for a Thank-offering Fund for the recovery of a beloved Sovereign from a severe illness.

I am, Madam,

Your obedient servant,

DONOUGHMORE,

Treasurer, Thank-offering Fund.

103, Kingsway, W.C.2.

[We warmly endorse the proposal, but, with others, would like to see the name of King George V definitely associated with the Thank-offering for his recovery.—ED.]

MRS. PANKHURST MEMORIAL FUND.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

MADAM,—Britain has decided to honour Mrs. Pankhurst by erecting a statue in Westminster to her memory. An ideal site has been granted by the Government for the statue in the Victoria Tower Gardens, adjoining the Houses of Parliament. Mr. Baldwin, the Prime Minister, says that he will be "only too happy to pay what tribute he may to Mrs. Pankhurst's memory by unveiling her statue when it is ready, after the Election."

Mrs. Pankhurst's personal friends have already subscribed about half the sum required, leaving £1,500 still to be raised. Those responsible for the fund have thought that there must be many others throughout the country who will wish to have a share in placing this memorial to her in the heart of the Empire which she served so well.

To those women who followed her in the struggle for their enfranchisement, she was a great leader, whose passionate, selfless devotion was an inspiration which made their cause not a movement, but a crusade. Now that the victory is won, in the quieter retrospect of to-day, Mrs. Pankhurst already has taken her place as one of the great pioneers in the fight for political liberty, and one of those whom the country should delight to honour. Love of freedom, love of humanity, love of country. In any statue to her these virtues will be commemorated.

All who wish to pay their tribute to this great woman and most lovable personality, to whom all women owe an incalculable debt, now have an opportunity to share in a memorial to her. Subscriptions will be welcomed by the Treasurer, Viscountess Rhondda, at 15, Gayfere Street, Westminster, S.W.1.

(MRS.) ROSAMOND MASSY,

(MRS.) E. KATHERINE MARSHALL,

Hon. Secs.

KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

The Local Government Act.

District Nurse writes: "I rejoice that the Local Government Act has been passed because our poor people will not be haunted all their lives with the dread that they will have to go into 'the House' when old and ill. Now they will be able to go to a Municipal Hospital, to which they perhaps have contributed in their day. What is the difference when the places are the same? All the difference in the world."

The Mind and How it Works

S.R.N., Birmingham writes: "I have been delighted to read in our JOURNAL the article by Sir Robert Armstrong Jones on 'The Mind and How it Works.' How little we nurses, with general certificates only, know on this subject, and how all important it is."

Warfare Upon the Mosquito.

F.B.C.N., Durham: "I note with pleasure the plea of Mr. Omer Cooper in the Press for the promotion of active warfare upon the mosquito. Quite apart from the not inconsiderable danger of the poison they inject into their victims, the irritation and discomfort of their bites make life in the tropics at times almost intolerable, giving rise to ulcers, which in a sodden skin, may become very intractable."

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PRIZE COMPETITION FOR JUNE.

How would you prepare the patient for operation in a case of acute appendicitis? Describe the nursing of such a case, what complications may occur and how each may be recognised.

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