

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

The Annual Meeting and Conference of the National Council of Women of Great Britain, which is to be held in the Albert Hall, Manchester, from October 14th to 18th, the special subject being "Modern Development," will open on Monday, the 14th, with a young people's meeting, the Chairman of which will be Walter Hamilton Moberly, Esq., D.S.O., M.A., Hon.D.Litt., Vice-Chancellor of Manchester University, when Miss Ethel Watts, B.A., A.C.A., will speak on "The Outlook of the Self-Supporting Woman," and Peter Rennell Rodd, Esq., on "Modern Life." On Tuesday, 15th, there will be a special service in the Cathedral, at which the preacher will be the Right Rev. F. S. G. Warman, M.A., D.D., Bishop of Manchester. The Representative Council Meeting will be held on the morning and afternoon of that day, and the mornings of Wednesday, 16th, and Thursday, 17th. There will be public meetings on the evenings of Tuesday and Thursday, and a Reception to Delegates by the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress of Manchester in the Town Hall on Wednesday evening, at 8 p.m.

Season tickets, admitting to all ordinary Conference and Council Meetings, and including the Conference Handbook, can be obtained from the Conference Secretary, Miss E. Reiss, Ph.D., 65, Barton Arcade, Manchester.

Funds for the acquisition and endowment as a permanent memorial of Small Hythe Place, Tenterden (Kent), where Dame Ellen Terry spent a great part of the last twenty-five years of her life, and where she died, are not coming in as well as was originally expected.

Up to the present time about £2,000 of the £15,000 desired has been received.

The greater part of the £15,000 will go to the endowment of Small Hythe Place, which is a Tudor farm, surrounded by a garden of great beauty, and the Elizabethan barn, which Miss Edith Craig is adapting as a theatre, and which is now almost complete.

The rooms in the house are kept much as they were in Ellen Terry's lifetime. One room contains the nucleus of her fine theatrical library, and numbers of theatrical relics and costumes worn in the Lyceum productions.

Organisers of the memorial fund are hopeful of raising the required balance.

Mrs. Swanwick and Mrs. Mary Hamilton, M.P., are representing Great Britain on the Committees dealing with social questions at the meeting of the League of Nations at Geneva. This is all to the good, but we hope soon to have equality of representation for women on the Council itself. So far there has been determined opposition to the proposal. We women are highly taxed in support of the League's work, especially in Great Britain. This matter should receive attention from a Labour Government. Anyway taxation should carry representation.

The Fifth Committee of the League of Nations have elected the Countess Apponyi (Hungary) as their Vice-President. The Committee deals with social and humanitarian questions.

NOTICE.

Those requiring extra copies of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING for September and the subsequent months, should place their orders at once with the Manager, B.J.N., 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, as there is already an increased demand for these issues containing a full report of the Meetings at Montreal, of the International Council and Congress of Nurses. (Price 7d.)

COMING EVENTS.

September 21st.—British College of Nurses. Council Meeting, 39, Portland Place, London, W., 2 p.m.

October 1st.—First of the Autumn Course of Lectures on Tropical Diseases at the Hospital for Tropical Diseases, 25, Gordon Street, Endsleigh Gardens, W.C. 8.30 p.m.

October 14th—18th.—National Council of Women of Great Britain. Annual Meeting and Conference, Albert Hall, Manchester.

October 22nd.—British College of Nurses. Opening of Winter Session. Meeting to receive reports of International Council Meeting and Congress of Nurses at Montreal, 39, Portland Place, London, W. Tea, 4 p.m. Meeting, 5 p.m.

October 24th.—National Council of Nurses of Great Britain. Meeting of Executive Committee, Board Room of Registered Nurses' Association, 39, Portland Place, London, W., 3 p.m.

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.

MIDWIFERY STANDARDS IN CHINA.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,

As a State Registered Nurse and Certified Midwife in Great Britain, I was much interested to read the account in our JOURNAL last month of the position of midwifery training in China. What specially attracted my notice was that candidates wishing to take the diploma in midwifery of the Nurses' Association of China must already hold the diploma of the Association for proficiency in nursing. That is a sound standard, and one at which all nurses should aim. Then, again, the examination in midwifery cannot be taken in less than one year after the examination in general nursing. That, too, is sound, because training in midwifery, to be adequate, should not be for less than one year. Congratulations to the Nurses' Association of China.

Yours faithfully,

S. R. N.

KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

Overalls versus Aprons.

F. H. R. writes: "I was much interested in a letter in the August number of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING about 'overalls versus aprons,' as I had just had a letter from a friend who is entering one of the big hospitals on the same subject. She writes—'Why in these enlightened days are girls squeezed and pushed into dresses with a waist line when they don't know where it is, and I have never had a dress over my knees, much less 8 inches off the ground? Are not collars and cuffs on aprons, dress and belt much more expensive to wash than a simple overall, to say nothing of the misery that these tight things cause the modern athletic girl?'"

PRIZE COMPETITION FOR OCTOBER.

How would you nurse a patient after removal of stone from the kidney, from the post-operative to the convalescent period? To what points should your attention be especially directed during that period?

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