

HOMAGE TO ST. JOAN OF ARC.

The admiration and veneration of the President of the British College of Nurses for St. Joan of Arc is well known, and when I found that the newest hospital in Montreal is dedicated to St. Joan I at once determined to take there in her name some of the lilies of France as an act of homage to the Maid, and, in company with Miss Haswell, set out upon this pilgrimage.

We were received by the Sisters with the greatest kindness and courtesy and when I made our errand known we were taken to the chapel, and the lilies handed to the Sister-in-charge there, who speedily put them into water, and we placed them at the foot of a beautiful statue of St. Joan.

Then we noticed that round the sanctuary there were other statues—St. Francis of Assisi, most lovable of saints, St. Joseph and the Holy Child, the Blessed Virgin, and St. Theresa of Lisieux, lover of little children, all, we were very interested to learn, given by trained nurses.

The Sisters appeared to be delighted with our errand, and one of them gave me the photograph from which the picture on this page is reproduced, assuring me at the same time that she would pray for me.

Verily a few lilies have brought me great reward, the benediction of the Sisters, and "the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much," and the remembrance of the statue of St. Joan, clad in armour, head uplifted, with her face bearing the impress of courage, purity and devotion; in her right hand her white banner with the golden fleurs-de-lis, and at her feet the white lilies of France, the country which she loved so devotedly, for which she lived so splendidly, and died so gloriously, faithful unto death.

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"I Really Love Montreal."

Miss Amy Phipps, F.B.C.N., writes to the Editor:—

"I shall never forget the thoroughly enjoyable time in Montreal.

"The spirit of good comradeship and high determination that much good shall accrue to the Nursing Profession and to the sick, as a result of the 1929 Congress, was evident everywhere, and was very exhilarating to all of us.

"I know you have had reports of the wonderful organisation of the whole Congress and of the very great pains taken by our Canadian sisters over every detail to give everyone an unforgettable experience. I really love Montreal.

"In spite of having our dear Miss Breay with us, our one sorrow was your absence, and you were ever in our thoughts."

(To be continued.)



STATUE OF ST. JOAN OF ARC.
In the Chapel of the Hopital St. Jeanne d'Arc, Montreal.

NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

MATRONS' COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

A Meeting of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland will be held at 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.7, on Saturday, November 2nd, at 3 p.m.

As reports on the International Congress of Nurses, and the Annual Meeting of the National Council of Women will be given, it is hoped that members will do their best to make it convenient to attend.

KATHLEEN A. SMITH,
Hon. Secretary.

INFECTIOUS HOSPITALS MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

We are asked by Miss Dorothea Webb, S.R.N., F.B.C.N., Hon. Secretary of the Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association, to announce that the Autumn Quarterly Meeting of the above Association will be held, by kind invitation of Mrs. Rowan, at the Ladywell Sanatorium, Salford, Manchester, on Wednesday, October 16th, at 3 p.m.

As the meeting promises to be a very interesting one, members are asked to make every effort to attend, and to reply to Mrs. Rowan not later than October 12th.

LEAGUE OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL NURSES.

League News, the official organ of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, London, just issued is a specially interesting number containing accounts of the dedication of the Isla Stewart Memorial Library, the unveiling, by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, of a Plaque in Bronze in memory of Miss Stewart the Founder of the League, and the opening of the new recreation and lecture rooms.

The number is also specially important because it contains the proposed revised Constitution and By-laws, which will be brought up for discussion at the Winter General Meeting.

NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

The Valedictory Meetings of the Nurses' Missionary League, to wish God-speed to 17 members sailing for the Mission Field this year, will be held at University Hall, Gordon Square, W.C., on Wednesday, October 9th, morning 10.15 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Afternoon 3 to 5.30 p.m., and Evening 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

Dr. Howard Somervell who is speaking in the evening was a member of the Mt. Everest Expedition—after which he visited the great Medical Mission at Neyyoor, and seeing how urgent was the need of increased staff, he offered his services and has been working there ever since.

He will speak on the "Continuous Struggle."

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