

THE MATRONS' COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

The Annual Meeting of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland will be held on Saturday, February 9th, at 3 p.m., at the Royal British Nurses' Association Club, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.7.

The President (Miss Helen L. Pearse) will be in the chair, and tea will be served after the meeting.

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

Throughout the country lists have now been published of the five and a quarter million women who will be able to vote for the first time in their lives at a general election.

These can, if they like, inspect the rolls exhibited at the local town hall, and see their names among those of enfranchised citizens.

It is estimated that of the 5,245,000 women to be added to the register by the new Act, no fewer than 1,590,000 will be between the ages of 21 and 25.

An unexpected result of the efforts made by all political parties to get the names of their supporters on to the register, is that many men and women over 30 who have not hitherto registered have now done so, so the next General Election may have many surprises in store.

The Senate of the University of London has now received and made public the report and recommendations of the committee which it set up last year with Sir William Beveridge as its Chairman, to inquire into the limitations placed upon the medical education of women undergraduates by the exclusion of women students from the medical schools of most of the London hospitals.

The committee states that it is unable to see any valid argument, on the merits of the question, against the provision of co-education in medicine. It suggests that there should be three types of clinical education—(1) for men only, (2) for women only, and (3) for men and women. But in its opinion, if co-education is to succeed it can only be restored in the London hospitals by agreement between the medical schools and the University, and possibly by some arrangement under which the schools would agree to accept a certain quota of women students.

The Senate has given its general approval to the report, and has requested the Vice-Chancellor to invite those schools in the Faculty of Medicine which do not now admit women to consider the possibility of accepting a quota of women students.

The Post Office Commercial Accounts for the year ended March 31, 1928, published by the Stationery Office, show the largest total surplus—namely £7,570,348—recorded in the accounts, in which are given comparative totals back to 1912. The previous largest surplus was that of £7,447,556 for the financial year 1918-19. For the year ended March 31, 1927, there was a surplus of £5,787,598.

Those Members of Parliament who are urging the necessity for a return to the penny post upon the Chancellor of the Exchequer have thus an excellent case.

The scheme to purchase and endow the late Dame Ellen Terry's cottage at Smallhythe, Tenterden, Kent, as a memorial to her—first proposed by the *Daily Mail* shortly after her death last July—is, our contemporary states, to have the active support of the leading London theatres on February 27, the anniversary of the famous actress's birthday.

Wreaths of daffodils, her favourite flowers, will be placed in the vestibules of these theatres, and prominent actors and actresses will make appeals from the stage for contributions towards the £15,000 required to carry out the scheme.

Lady Maud Warrender is the honorary treasurer, and subscriptions should be sent to her at 56, Manchester Street, Marylebone, W.

The London County Council has decided to increase facilities for treatment of epileptic children of school age. Accommodation at Lingfield Epileptic Colony, Surrey, has been augmented, and 80 additional places will be ready for occupation early this year. Children between seven and fourteen, living in the County of London, are eligible for admission. Applications should be made quickly to the Education Officer, County Hall, S.E.1.

The celebrations of the 500th anniversary of the deliverance of Orleans by Joan of Arc will begin at Orleans on April 29 and continue until May 20.

M. Venizelos, the Prime Minister of Greece, has informed a delegation representing a women's organisation that women will be granted the vote at the Athenian municipal elections.

COMING EVENTS.

February 6th.—Mrs. Strong, F.B.C.N., will address the Nursing Staff at the Royal Infirmary, Dundee, on the British College of Nurses.

February 9th.—Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland. Annual Meeting, 194, Queen's Gate, London, S.W. 3 p.m.

February 15th.—General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Monthly Meeting, 20, Portland Place, London, W.1. 2.30 p.m.

February 15th.—Carnival Dance, organised by the Professional Union of Trained Nurses, in aid of the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital Extension Fund. Marylebone Hall, Marylebone Road, N.W.1. 8-12 p.m.

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.
39, Portland Place, London, W.1.

February 19th.—Lecture by Sir Robert Armstrong Jones, K.B.E., F.R.C.P., M.D., on "The Mind: how is it made, how should we work it for the best?" 8 p.m.

February 23rd.—The British College of Nurses, Council Meeting. 2 p.m.

February 25th.—Miss Isabel Macdonald, F.B.C.N., and Miss Dorothy K. Graham, F.B.C.N. "At Home." All Fellows and Members welcome—on notifying the Secretary. 4-6.30 p.m.

ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION,
194, Queen's Gate, S.W.

February 13th.—Lecture by Miss Dorothy K. Graham, F.B.C.N. (illustrated by lantern slides) on Northern Italy. 3 p.m.

February 20th.—Bridge Drive, organised by Miss Hobbs and Miss Theobald, in aid of the Purchase Fund for 194, Queen's Gate, S.W. Tickets, 2/6 each inclusive of refreshments. 8 p.m.

March 1st.—Conference on the position as regards the demand of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association to have its certificate recognised as qualifying for admission to the Supplementary Register for Mental Nurses, published under the authority of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales. 3 p.m.

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