

## OUTSIDE THE GATES.

His Majesty the King can have little doubt of his wonderful popularity after his reception at Wembley Stadium, on the F.A. Cup Day. The enormous crowd just rose and acclaimed him with a deep-throated thunderous roar. No communistic note in that monarchical music.

The new service of wireless telephony between England and Australia is now open to the public. The first conversation across a distance of over 11,000 miles by means of the new service was conducted by the British and Australian Prime Ministers, Mr. MacDonald speaking from London and Mr. Scullin from Canberra. Let brotherly love continue!

## Britannia No Longer Rules the Waves.

We carefully read every scrap of information which has been permitted to reach the people during the Naval Conference, and the Treaty, as signed by America, Great Britain and Japan, and, so far as the security of this country is concerned, we find its provisions dangerously inadequate. Britain has given away power and prestige with both hands, whilst Japan remains practically as before, and America has gained all she sent her delegation to secure—not only "parity" as to tonnage, but the right to build eighteen new cruisers of the maximum size and 8 in. guns to our fifteen—so that in a few years it is inevitable that her new scientific naval equipment must take front rank, not only in quantity but in quality.

France, by refusing to sign the Treaty as a whole, has proved once more her devoted patriotism and cool reasoning faculty. No scrapping without security.

As for Italy, well, Mussolini is there, and where the safety and greatness of Italy is concerned all is safe. It is significant that since the Conference the Italian Cabinet has approved an increase in naval ship-building, calling to mind Signor Mussolini's pronouncement that the destiny of Italy "has been and always will be, on the sea."

Alas! with the sea in our blood, no longer can our sailor men raise up their voices and give forth with heart and soul that fine old triumphant sea-song,

"Rule Britannia, Britannia rules the waves,  
Britons never, never, never shall be slaves."

Shades of Elizabeth and Nelson.

## COMING EVENTS.

May 8th.—Nurses' Missionary League: Annual Meetings throughout the day. University Hall, Gordon Square, London, W.C.

May 9th.—Guy's Hospital Past and Present Nurses' League: Annual Dinner, 7 p.m.; Annual Meeting, 8 p.m. Nurses' Home, Guy's Hospital, S.E.

May 10th.—Prince Arthur of Connaught lays the Foundation stone of the new Edenbridge and District War Memorial Cottage Hospital, Edenbridge.

May 12th.—Birthday of Florence Nightingale, O.M.

May 14th.—East End Maternity Home: Annual General Meeting, 384, Commercial Road, E.

May 19th.—Twenty-fourth British Empire Red Cross Conference: Opening by the Duke of York in St. James's Palace, S.W.

May 22nd.—By kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Crossfield, of Embley Park, visit to view the gardens, and tea. Visit to East Wellow Church and grave of Miss Florence Nightingale.

May 23rd.—General Nursing Council for England and Wales: Monthly Meeting. 2.30 p.m.

May 30th.—The Queen visits the College of Nursing, Henrietta Street, Cavendish Square, W., and receives purses for the Endowment Fund.

## 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.*

## AN APPEAL.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.  
DEAR MADAM,

May I trespass on your kindness by asking you to publish the following appeal:

SCOTTISH NURSES ASSOCIATION,  
37, STOBECROSS STREET, GLASGOW.

It would very much help forward the interests of the Scottish Nurses' Association if the Scotch Fellows, and Members of the British College of Nurses would join the S.N.A. Now that this Association is affiliated with the National Council of Nurses, it is well to have as large a number of members as possible to strengthen the hands of their delegates attending the International meetings. Annual Subscription 2s. 6d.

Loyal Scots, Join up!

REBECCA STRONG, *President.*

Particulars to be had from the Secretary at above address.

## NEW CABLE ADDRESS.

To the President of the National Nursing Organisation.

DEAR PRESIDENT,—We have at times received cable messages from the nurses of other countries who have been put to the expense of using our full address in order to reach us.

The American Nurses' Association stands ready at all times to be of service to its neighbour nurses of other lands. In order to be more accessible, we, therefore, by vote of the Board of Directors, have registered the cable address, "Amnurses, New York."

We enclose a card for your convenience which carries our cable address as well as our street address. We hope that when you next come to the United States you will use it as a reminder to come to see us at the Headquarters offices of the American Nurses' Association.

Sincerely yours,

JANET M. GEISTER, R.N.,  
Director at Headquarters.

American Nurses' Association,  
370, Seventh Avenue, New York, N.Y.

## KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

*A Student Nurse writes:—*"Do you consider it is justifiable, after the State Registration Act has been in force ten years, for Committees to appoint as Sister Tutors Nurses who are unregistered? As a Student Nurse it appears to me quite indefensible that women who are not professional nurses should prepare pupils for the State Examination."

[We are of opinion that no Committee of a hospital has a right to ignore the law in so far as the appointment of the Medical and Nursing Staffs are concerned. This they would not dare to do with Medical appointments. It is time Nurses followed Medical example, and refused to submit to their Act being treated with contempt by lay Managers.

—ED.]

## PRIZE COMPETITION QUESTION FOR JUNE.

What is the probable cause of post-anæsthetic vomiting? Mention the precautions generally taken to prevent it. What treatment have you known in a severe intractable case, and how may a nurse assist the patient?

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