

improved in every way. New laboratories have been installed and also the "Manson Clinical Lecture Theatre," for the use of post graduate students who come from all parts of the world to this special Hospital.

THE PASSING BELL.

Miss F. W. Christopherson, R.R.C.

It is with very great regret that we have to announce the death of Miss Fredrekke Wilhelmine Christopherson, R.R.C., late Sister-in-Charge, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, on May 18th, after a long illness patiently endured.

Miss Christopherson received her training at the Royal Infirmary, Preston, and was appointed to the Queen Alexandra's Military Families Nursing Service in 1907, serving in Malta, Aldershot, Shoeburyness, Tidworth, Chatham, and on the Rhine. During the Great War, she was in charge of the Nursing on a Hospital Ship, and also served in Egypt; she was mentioned in despatches and awarded the Royal Red Cross.

She retired from the Service in 1926, to the great regret of her Nursing Staff, to whom she had greatly endeared herself by her charming personality, and kind sympathetic nature. She was a great traveller, and an interesting companion, and will be sorely missed by her many friends and admirers.

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

The news that the King was suffering from painful rheumatism of the hip joint, and on medical advice would not be present at the third and fourth Courts, was a deep disappointment to those who attended them. It was a relief to learn that this affection was yielding to treatment, and that the massage ordered has relieved the acuteness of the pain. Especially do trained nurses sympathise with His Majesty as they are in a position to realize the painful nature of his illness, and thus to rejoice that the disabling pain has been relieved. The King is so personally popular that functions at which he is usually present lose most of their glamour if he is not there.

The King and Queen will receive the Imperial Press Conference delegates and their wives on Tuesday, June 24th, at Buckingham Palace. The Conference is the fourth to be organised by the Empire Press Union. The delegates (numbering 92) are proprietors and editors of newspapers from every part of the Empire.

More than 100 authors and artists have contributed to "The Tribute," a publication commemorative of His Majesty's return to health. It is a most attractive volume, the proceeds of which are to go to the V.C.s and their families who are in special want.

The suggestion that "The Tribute" should be the forerunner of an annual for V.C.s is being considered.

The National Council of Women of Great Britain are organising a Dinner at the Hyde Park Hotel on Thursday, June 26th, to meet the delegates from the International Council of Women, when Mrs. Keynes, J.P., President, will be in the Chair. Tickets, £1 1s. each, may be obtained from the General Secretary, N.C.W., Murray House, Vandon Street, S.W.1.

Sir Reginald Poole, representing the Council of the Law Society, told the Select Committee on Capital Punishment which met at the House of Commons, that his Council, most of whose fifty members he had canvassed, favoured the retention of capital punishment.

At the annual meeting of the Shakespeare Birthplace Trustees, held at Stratford-on-Avon, it was reported that the trustees had bought a house at Wilmcote, known as the home of Mary Arden, the poet's mother. They had also acquired over sixty acres of land at Welcombe, which formed part of the 107 acres of land bought by Shakespeare from William and John Combe in 1602. During the last year over 111,000 persons paid for admission to Shakespeare's birthplace, and 81,000 visited Anne Hathaway's cottage at Shottery. The number of visitors was the second highest on record.

We are glad to note that the Chantry Bequest has secured the portrait of "The Late Dame Millicent Fawcett," by Mrs. Annie L. Swynnerton, A.R.A., for the Tate Gallery, although the fine spirit which enlightened her face is dim.

Lady Brittain has been re-elected President of the Society of Women Journalists. Mrs. Massey Lyon (chairman of council), proposing the re-election of honorary officers, emphasised the value to young journalists of the advice freely given by those officials, and expressed the general pleasure of the Society at the restoration to health of the hon. secretary, Miss Burford Rawlings.

Mr. Mackenzie King (the Dominion Prime Minister), issued, on the eve of Empire Day, a statement to the Canadian people, in which he said that Canada's Empire Day message was the Budget of 1930.

Miss Diana Fishwick won the British Ladies' Championship at Formby when she beat Miss Glenna Collett, of the United States. Naturally the victory of this English girl of nineteen has aroused great enthusiasm, and will encourage others to emulate her marvellous skill—not acquired without great tenacity of purpose.

The news sheets have been so expansive on the exploits of Miss Amy Johnson, C.B.E., that all we need record is our admiration for her splendid spirit of adventure and mechanical skill—truly a daughter of the Vikings, as on her father's side she is of Danish descent. No doubt, however, the maternal strain of "Yorkshire" accounts for staying power. The King and Queen, Premiers and big-wigs of all sorts and sizes have offered congratulations, and not the least satisfactory item in the volume of appreciation is the cheque for £10,000 from the *Daily Mail*. Money speaks!

THE WORD FOR THE MONTH. Great Traditions.

Dr. Butler (President of Columbia University, U.S.A.), said, at the Pilgrims' Dinner, in London, that it was almost exactly forty-six years since he made his first visit to Mother England, and every year since then, except for the interruption of the war, circumstances had sent him to these shores. Referring to visits which he had paid to Westminster Abbey, he said that he liked to start on the westward journey refreshed by spiritual contact with his spiritual ancestors. He liked, when occasion offered, to tell those who would listen that that was the secret of all civilisation—the intangible, invisible force and influence coming down through the centuries and the ages. The responsibility of the English-speaking peoples to-day and to-morrow in preserving the peace, the good order, and the progress of the world, and the uplifting of the masses of mankind, and helping the doing of kindly, helpful, generous things for the less fortunate wherever they might be, rested on the English-speaking peoples, as trustees of great traditions. They are not default in that trust.

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