

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

Since our last issue a baby Princess has been born to their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York, at Glamis Castle. It is hoped Margaret will be one of her names, after that saintly Queen, wife of Malcolm Canmore. Mother and child are making fine progress, and no doubt we shall soon have available portraits of the wee fourth Lady in the Land.

The Annual Meeting and Conference of the National Council of Women of Great Britain is to be held at Portsmouth from the 6th to 10th of October, and a very interesting programme has been arranged. Mrs. Keynes, J.P., has been returned unopposed as President for a second term of office. We hope Miss Susan A. Villiers, S.R.N., who has been elected as a representative of the Affiliated Societies on to the Executive Committee for several years will again be re-elected as it is very essential to have a Registered Nurse on this important body, and we note she is standing again.

Many important Resolutions are up for discussion of which the following are of first importance:—

SEXUAL OFFENCES AGAINST CHILDREN.

1. The National Council of Women deplores the delay in the introduction of legislation on the lines of the recommendations contained in the Reports of the Departmental Committees on Offences against Young Persons, and on the treatment of young offenders respectively, and urges H.M. Government to introduce such legislation at the earliest possible date.

POWERS OF MINISTERS.

2. That the National Council of Women views with apprehension the increasing tendency to hand over to Ministers of Departments powers to frame regulations which will have the force of statutes and to make decisions against which there is no appeal to the jurisdiction of the Courts.

The Council calls attention to the fact that these powers have been used to differentiate between the rights of men as a class and women as a class, and records the opinion that such delegation of powers by Parliament is dangerous to the liberty of the subject and contrary to the fundamental principles of the British Constitution.

The County of London Branch of the British Red Cross Society is starting a course of instruction on "Hygiene in the Tropics" early next month. The course, which will cover such questions as food, clothing, and the medical and sanitary precautions necessary for health in hot countries, will be conducted by a medical man and a nurse, both of whom have had practical experience of life in the tropics. Readers may obtain particulars from S. J. Collins, Major-General, County Director, County of London Branch, B.R.C.S., 27, Grosvenor Place, S.W.1.

What a relief to those who really love our historic national treasures, that the Luttrell Psalter, and also the Bedford Book of Hours, have been secured for the nation. Both books have been on public view in the Grenville Library of the British Museum in the exhibition of English Illuminated MSS.

In our last issue we lamented the loss to England of the Great Chamber at Gilling Castle, which was being dismantled, having been sold to an American. Things might be worse, as this historic gem of architecture and decoration has been bought by Mr. William Randolph Hearst, an American millionaire newspaper owner, and is to be re-erected in the castle he has bought in Wales

Mr. Hearst's press has in the past been strongly anti-British, and just recently he has been deported from France on the instructions of the Minister of the Interior, who states that he was responsible for the "theft and publication of a secret document relative to the Franco-British Naval Pact." We note in Mr. Hearst's statement to the Press "that America had saved it (the great French Nation) once during the War and he would save it again by leaving." A would-be joke, no doubt, but when one realises the tragic sufferings of France during the agony of the four years' War, sensibility cannot be accredited to Mr. Hearst. We hope he will treat the magnificent Great Chamber with more deference and respect than he has bestowed on France, especially as the frieze contains the Arms of Belaysse which the Editor quarters with those of Palmer.

The Council of the League of Nations has begun its sixtieth Session at Geneva and has before it matters of more than usual interest. So far women have been given no effective representation, and, as British women are equally taxed with men to support its very costly deliberations, we are glad to know that the International Council of Women are to hold a watching brief at Geneva, supported by the International Council of Nurses. We hope there will be a persistent demand for power. Mother must be there as well as father.

Miss Susan C. Francis, R.N., Secretary of the American Nurses' Association, writes: "It gives us great pleasure to send you a complimentary copy of the Proceedings of the Twenty-Seventh Convention of the American Nurses' Association."

Our pleasure is equally sincere in receiving this gift, to add to the complete file we have carefully kept since these proceedings were first published. They will be an invaluable item in the literature department of our History of Nursing.

A GREAT SHAKESPEAREAN ACTOR.

The Managers of theatres are most generous in admitting members of the Nursing Profession whenever there are a few vacant seats—thus we recently enjoyed the splendid presentation of Richard the Third at the New Theatre, when Mr. Baliol Holloway, in the title role, proved himself, in our opinion, the finest Shakespearean actor since Irving. Truth to say he forcibly reminded us of the greatest actor of the nineteenth century as we remember him during his reign at the Lyceum.

Both men proved it is possible to be superb actors with faulty elocution. We hope Mr. Baliol Holloway will forgive this criticism: with clearer pronunciation he should attain the very first rank in drama.

COMING EVENTS.

September 20th.—The British College of Nurses' Council Meeting, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1. 2.15 p.m.

September 26th.—General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Monthly Meeting, 20, Portland Place, London, W.1. 2.30 p.m.

September 29th.—Fulham Hospital, St. Dunstan's Road, Hammersmith, W. London County Council. Public Health Department. Presentation Day of the Nurses' Training School. Distribution of Prizes by Colonel Sir Kenyon Vaughan-Morgan, O.B.E., D.L., M.P. Nurses' Home, 3 p.m.

October 6th—10th.—National Council of Women of Great Britain, Annual Meeting and Conference in the Guildhall, Portsmouth.

October 6th.—First lecture of the Autumn Course on Tropical Diseases. Hospital for Tropical Diseases, Endsleigh Gardens, N.W.

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