

Dr. F. MacDonald is afraid of panic legislation, but there is one thing about which he is more frightened—that there should be interference with the liberty of the subject.

A CONFERENCE ON MENTAL WELFARE.

Mr. Greenwood (Minister of Health) will open a conference on mental welfare, which is to be held at the British Medical Association House, Tavistock Square, on December 11th, 12th and 13th. Information may be obtained from the Secretary, Central Association for Mental Welfare, 24, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.1.

THE BOARD OF CONTROL.

Under the provisions of the Mental Treatment Act, 1930, the Board of Control will be reconstituted, as from January 1st next, to consist of the Chairman and four other Senior Commissioners. Mr. Laurence George Brock, C.B., Chairman of the present Board, will be Chairman of the Board, as reconstituted.

The King has approved the appointment of the following to be members of the Board: Mr. Simon John Fraser MacLeod, K.C., on the recommendation of the Lord Chancellor, and Sir Charles Hubert Bond, K.B.E., D.Sc., M.D., F.R.C.P., Mr. Arthur Rotherham, M.B., and Mrs. Ellen Pinsent, C.B.E., on the recommendation of the Ministry of Health.

A MEDICAL COURSE ON BIRTH CONTROL.

The first medical course on Birth Control ever given in this country is certainly a landmark in the history of the movement. A course of lectures has been organised by the Royal Institute of Public Health on "Contraception and Allied Questions" to be delivered in the Lecture Hall of the Institute, 37, Russell Square, W.C.1, between October 9th and December 11th.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

A more suicidal policy than the concentration in Central London of super electricity generating stations cannot be imagined, and the late Government showed culpable ignorance and indifference to the public health in the institution of the station at Battersea.

Smoke, fumes and grit are inevitable, with injury both to people and buildings and vegetation in surrounding districts. All such stations should be far afield.

Time is short in which to protest but we advise every ratepayer in Battersea, Fulham and Chelsea to do so to the L.C.C. Parliamentary Committee and also to the Westminster City Council, and the Chelsea and Kensington Borough Councils. No person living in these districts can afford to ignore the aspect of atmospheric pollution which must inevitably result from the increase of super generating stations in their midst. Take action and prevent it.

DINNER IN HONOUR OF DAME ANN BEADSMORE SMITH, D.B.E.

At a Dinner given in honour of Dame Ann Beadsmore Smith, D.B.E., R.R.C., Matron-in-Chief of the Territorial Army Nursing Service, at the Cowdray Club, on November 24th, when the Chair was taken by the Dowager Countess of Minto, C.I., the following gracious message was brought by Lady Amptill from her Majesty the Queen.

THE QUEEN REGRETS VERY MUCH THAT THE TIME IS DRAWING NEAR FOR DAME ANN BEADSMORE SMITH TO RELINQUISH HER ACTIVE SERVICE WITH THE ARMY NURSING SERVICE AND THE TERRITORIAL NURSING SERVICE. THE VALUABLE AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE WHICH DAME ANN HAS GIVEN TO BOTH IS GREATLY APPRECIATED, AND HER MAJESTY SENDS HER BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY RETIREMENT AND HOLIDAY.

The Dinner was given by the Committee of the Territorial Army Nursing Service, and the Principal Matrons who have served under Dame Ann. There were present, in addition to the Chairman, the Lady Amptill, O.B.E., C.I.; Miss E. S. Haldane, C.H., LL.D., J.P.; Dame Maud McCarthy, D.B.E., R.R.C.; Miss R. Osborne, C.B.E., R.R.C.; Miss S. J. Cockrell, R.R.C.; Miss R. E. Darbyshire, R.R.C.; Miss Helen Dey, R.R.C.; Miss M. Hogg, C.B.E.; Miss Bailey; Miss M. Jones, A.R.R.C.; Miss Johnston; Mrs. Stopford Smyth; Miss Sparks, R.R.C.; Miss M. E. Sparshott, C.B.E., R.R.C.; Miss E. S. Innes, R.R.C.; Miss M. F. Hughes; Miss Gregory Smith, R.R.C.; Miss Goodhue, R.R.C.; Miss M. S. Riddell, R.R.C.; Miss Moggach, and Miss Reynolds.

After the toast of the King had been honoured, Lady Minto proposed that of the Queen, and Lady Amptill then presented to Dame Ann the Queen's Message to the great pleasure not only of the recipient, but also of those present with whom Dame Ann is extremely popular, both for the good work she has done, and for her charming personality.

Dame Ann is retiring from active service at the end of this year, but this will not mean that her friends will lose sight of her, for as a member of various Nurses' Organisations, at the meetings of which she is a regular attendant, there will be many opportunities of meeting her and renewing the memories of by-gone days.

Dame Ann will be succeeded by Miss R. Osborne, C.B.E., R.R.C., late Matron-in-Chief of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, whose work was much appreciated during her term of office, and we feel sure that the appointment will give much satisfaction.

The Territorial Force Nursing Service is a very fine one, worthy of the best that the Senior Service can place at its disposal.



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