

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

The Duchess of York who, on November 26th, opened the Princess Elizabeth of York Hostel at Cromwell House, Highgate—the Mothercraft Training Centre—said "I should just like to say how very glad I am to be here this afternoon. I have been interested in the Mothercraft Training Society for many years and have watched it grow, and I know how very much this building is needed to help the work expand. I wish it continued success in its great work and it gives me great pleasure to declare open this new Princess Elizabeth Hostel."

Before leaving, Her Royal Highness planted a sapling in front of the building.

A meeting was held at Kensington Town Hall on Friday evening, November 21st, to make an appeal for support from England towards the St. Joan of Arc Quincentenary Celebration, which will take place at Rouen on May 30th, 1931.

The meeting was well attended, the two front rows of chairs being reserved for delegates from the different societies, among the many three nurse delegates were from the Royal British Nurses' Association, the National Council of Nurses, and the British College of Nurses.

His Eminence Cardinal Bourne presided at the meeting, and was supported by Mrs. Corbett Ashby; Sir Johnstone Forbes-Robertson; and Miss E. Picton Turberville, M.P. Dr. Marion Phillips, M.P., appealed to youth to come forward to help, for St. Joan must of necessity truly appeal to the young as she was only nineteen years old at the time of her martyrdom, and it was the duty of the English people to do all in their power to help to mitigate the evil committed by their forefathers by helping to build this porch to the chapel which was being erected to her memory, though it would come as late as 500 years after her death. Youth was well represented by a dado of young Girl Guides who also formed a guard of honour at the entrance to the hall. The English appeal committee is very representative, being composed of persons of all denominations. Those giving 5s. or upwards will have their names inscribed in a book which will be placed under the foundation stone of the porch of the chapel. At the close of the meeting it was announced that £100 had been collected.

All donations should be sent to the Hon. Treasurers, c/o St. Joan's Social and Political Alliance, at 55, Berners Street, London, W.1.

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, General Association for Mental Welfare, 24, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.1

BOOKS TO NOTE AND REMEMBER.

Amongst Christmas gifts books play an important part, and specially to be mentioned are two published by Mr. Geoffrey Bles, 22, Suffolk Street, Pall Mall, S.W., in the "Life and Work" series (price 3s. 6d.), "Nursing," by Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., Matron of Charing Cross Hospital and Vice President of the British College of Nurses, and "A Book for Mothers," by Margaret Gordon, of which a notice appears on page 333 of this issue of the JOURNAL.

Of special interest is "A Textbook for Mental Nurses," by Miss Elizabeth L. Macaulay, O.B.E., R.R.C., Matron of the Kent County Mental Hospital, Maidstone, published by Faber & Faber, Ltd., 24, Russell Square, W.C. It is the first book to be written by a Mental Nurse for Mental Nurses, and we hope to review it in our next issue.

THE POSITION OF NURSING: PAST AND PRESENT.

The *Lancet* has appointed a Commission of Inquiry into conditions of service of the nursing profession, with special reference to the recruitment of suitable student nurses, upon which the following have consented to serve:—

Chairman: THE EARL OF CRAWFORD AND BALCARRES, P.C., K.T.

Prof. HENRY CLAY, M.A., D.Sc., late Professor of Social Economics in the University of Manchester.

Miss R. E. DARBYSHIRE, R.R.C., Matron, University College Hospital.

Miss L. CLARK, M.B.E., R.R.C., Matron, Whipps Cross Hospital.

Dr. ROBERT HUTCHISON, F.R.C.P., Physician to the London Hospital and to the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street.

Prof. F. R. FRASER, M.D., F.R.C.P., Professor of Medicine in the University of London, Physician to St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

Mr. A. LISTER HARRISON, J.P., Chairman, Committee of Management, Metropolitan Hospital.

Miss M. D. BROCK, D.Litt., Headmistress, the Mary Datchelor Girls' School.

Mrs. OLIVER STRACHEY, Chairman, Employments Committee, London Society for Women's Service.

Miss EDITH THOMPSON, C.B.E., Member of Council, Bedford College, University of London.

Sir SQUIRE SPRIGGE, M.D., F.R.C.P., the Editor of the *Lancet*, with Dr. M. H. KETTLE, an assistant editor, as honorary secretary.

WORD FOR THE MONTH.

"For some time past the nation has been steadily breeding from the dregs rather than from the cream."—Dr. A. F. Tredgold, F.R.S.

VERSES.

TO 1930

When you came in, the air was not too clear!
But amid those who met you at the door,
"Good Hope," the dauntless, claimed the little year
Had better things than penalties in store.
But as time passed and added to your height,
Clouds gathered up and darkened all the sky,
Or burst in storms, that showed in lurid light
The graves where fame and high endeavour lie.
With memories of kindlier old years,
We speed you on your unregretted way,
Who, in your progress, drew so many tears,
That few are left to shed for you to-day.

TO 1931

So, Baby Year, we face you with our needs.
And ask that lenient may be your span;
The scourgings of the past were not *your* deeds,
But smooth their edges now as best you can!

C. B. M.

COMING EVENTS.

December 11th.—The Dowager Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava and the President and Board of the Royal Free Hospital at Home at the Hospital. Eastman Dental Clinic, Gray's Inn Road. Indian Round Table Conference. 4-6 p.m.

December 19th.—The General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Monthly meeting, 20, Portland Place, London, W.1. 2.30 p.m.

December 20th.—The British College of Nurses Council Meeting, 39, Portland Place, London, W., 2.15 p.m. Presentation of Barnett Memorial Platter and cutting of Registration cake. 5 p.m.

December 25th.—Christmas Day. Hospital Festivities.

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