

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

The Ceremonial Unveiling of the Memorial to Mrs. Pankhurst.

A number of organisations have expressed to the Committee responsible for the arrangements for the ceremonial unveiling a desire to lay wreaths or floral tributes at the foot of Mrs. Pankhurst's statue immediately after the official unveiling, in the Victoria Tower Gardens, Westminster, on March 6th at 12 o'clock.

The statue will be unveiled by the Rt. Hon. Stanley Baldwin, M.P., a short service of dedication will be held by the Bishop of Barking, and Mr. Pethick Lawrence, representing the present Government, will also say a few words. The Police Band will play before and after the speeches, and Dame Ethel Smyth will conduct some of her own compositions. Arrangements have been made to broadcast the proceedings.

It is suggested that the wreaths may take the form of a simple chaplet of leaves with the colours or name of the organisation prominently attached.

Memorial to Rupert Brooke.

A proposal has been made by a body of distinguished public men and writers on the Continent to erect a memorial to Rupert Brooke, near his grave on the Island of Skyros. An eminent Greek sculptor, Michel Tombros, is submitting designs for the memorial, and the people of Skyros have offered to provide a block of the island marble for the base of the monument.

Outside England, the scheme has the active support of the Belgian poet Professor Paul Vanderborght, of the University of Cairo, with whom the scheme originated, M. Venizelos, M. André Gide, M. Georges Duhamel, M. Paul Valéry, and M. André Maurois. Committees have already been formed in Athens, Brussels, Cairo, Geneva, Madrid, Paris, and the United States.

The Decline of Patriotism.

At the annual dinner of the City of London Branch of the Royal Society of St. George, held at the Hotel Cecil, Mr. Justice Eve spoke earnestly on the decline of patriotism in this country. He said that there were indications that during the last ten years we had gradually declined from that apex of patriotism to which we mounted during the War. The symptoms were a disinclination to realise that in hard work and self-denial and thrift still lay our destiny, and that moments of ease and recreation could only be justified so long as they fitted us for the discharge of our duties. What was there except the reiterated rhetoric of a handful of enthusiasts to justify us in the belief that human nature and human hearts had been so marvellously changed by a few desultory conversations at Geneva or by a mass of gratuitous and disinterested advice from across the Atlantic as to warrant us in stripping ourselves of possessions and the strong positions for which we had fought and which we held.

In the words of Admiral of the Fleet Earl Jellicoe:—

"The Sea is our life,
By the use of it the Empire was formed,
By holding it the Empire was preserved,
If we fail to appreciate its value the Empire will perish."

Not Peace but Industrial Power.

We often hear these opinions privately expressed. A little more publicity given to them in the Press might help the Five-Power Naval Conference, now assembled in London, to realise that there is a strong contempt for the "inferiority complex" which apparently inspires so many politicians of all Parties in Great Britain.

British women want to know why they are being kept strictly "beyond the pale" during the peace conversations? Can it be because they are less self-interested and more patriotic than men?

The truth is that what the world is struggling for at the moment, it may be sub-consciously, is not peace but industrial power.

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COMING EVENTS.

February 8th.—Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association. Meeting at 194 Queen's Gate, S.W.7. 3 p.m.

February 19th.—Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland. Annual Meeting. 194 Queen's Gate, S.W.7. 3 p.m.

February 21st.—University of London. "The Infirmary of the Mediaeval Monastery, with special reference to the Abbey of Westminster." A Public Lecture by Professor Percy Fleming, F.R.C.S. (Lantern Illustrations). University College, Gower Street, W.C.1. 5.30 p.m.

February 25th and 26th.—Central Poor Law and Public Assistance Conference. *February 25th.*—Address by the President, Lord Richard Cavendish, C.M.G. Civic Welcome by the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs. The Right Hon. Arthur Greenwood, M.P., Minister of Health, will address the Conference at 11.30 a.m. Guildhall, London.

February 26th.—National Council for Mental Hygiene. A series of six Lecture-Discussions on Mental Health and the Child, each Wednesday beginning February 26th. 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W. 5 p.m.

February 28th.—General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Monthly Meeting. 20, Portland Place, London, W. 2.30 p.m.

March 6th.—Ceremonial Unveiling of Memorial to Mrs. Pankhurst in Victoria Tower Gardens, Westminster. 12 noon.

March 7th.—League of Private Nurses. Conference on "The Present position of Private Nurses in relation to the Hospitals, the Medical Profession, and the Public." 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.7. 3 p.m.

March 8th.—Mental Hospital Matrons' Association. Quarterly Meeting. The Nurses' Home, Holloway Sanatorium, Virginia Water. 2.30 p.m.

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February 13th.—Lecture on "Superstition," by Sir Robert Armstrong Jones, C.B.E., F.R.C.P. 8 p.m.

February 20th and 27th.—Two lectures by Dr. Graham Little, M.P., B.A., F.R.C.P., on "Diseases of the Skin." 5.30 p.m.

February 22nd.—Council Meeting. 2.15 p.m.

March 4th.—Debates: (1) "Should Nurses smoke in Uniform"? Opener of Debate, Miss Henrietta Ballard, M.B.C.N. (2) "Should Animal Pets be kept in Hospital (Cats, Dogs, Birds)?" 8 p.m.

March 10th, 17th and 24th.—Three Classes by the President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, S.R.N., F.B.C.N., on "The Conduct of Business at Meetings." 5.30 p.m.

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