

## ENGLISH HOMAGE TO JOAN OF ARC.

The enthusiastic official ceremonies in memory of the death of St. Joan of Arc began with the arrival at Rouen on May 29th of Cardinal Bourne from London as Papal Legate, and reached their climax with a great fifteenth century pageant commemorating the entry of Charles VII. into Rouen on May 31st. The Golden Book of English Homage to St. Joan was on view in London before being taken to Rouen by the English delegation, where it will be placed on the foundation stone of St. Joan's Memorial Church when it has been blessed by Cardinal Bourne in Rouen Cathedral. The book contains the names, tastefully inscribed on vellum, of many celebrated English people who have subscribed to the English memorial to her, in reparation for the English share in St. Joan's death. The book is a lovely work of art bound in royal blue morocco, ornamented in gold with the fleur-de-lis and the rose of England. The front pages containing the dedication are illuminated in St. Joan's own colours, blue, white and gold prevailing, and her coat of arms.

We glanced through the Book, and rejoiced to find that The Catholic Nurses' Guild, the Royal British Nurses' Association, the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and the British College of Nurses are recorded as having subscribed to the Memorial, an act of homage long overdue.

## OUTSIDE THE GATES.

The Queen has consented to open the new building at Bedford College for Women on June 24. The building, the foundation stone of which was laid by Princess Mary in 1927, has been erected at a cost of £110,000 and has been named the Tuke Building, in honour of Miss M. J. Tuke, who was Principal of the College from 1907 to 1929.

It is officially announced that, as a result of the Prince of Wales's Legion Book Fund, a sum of £123,000 has been received by His Royal Highness and is available for distribution.

The historic Thomas à Becket Cup, property of the Duke of Norfolk, was recently sold at Christie's for £11,000, the purchaser being Lord Wakefield, who has given it to the Victoria and Albert Museum. It is on view there in the Recent Acquisitions Court, adjoining the Main Hall. The cup is of ivory and silver-gilt and is 12½ in. high, the mounts bear the London hall-mark for 1526, and it was presented or bequeathed to Queen Catherine of Aragon, the first wife of Henry VIII, by Sir Edward Howard, Lord High Admiral, who perished in a naval battle in 1513. Presumably the cup has been in the Howard family for over four centuries.

How thankful they must be that by the patriotic generosity of Lord Wakefield this priceless historic gem is to remain in England.

We are always relieved to hear of the preservation of treasures for the nation, and we learn that after the opening of the Keats House, Wentworth Place, by the Marquess of Crewe on July 16, Hampstead will strengthen its already remarkable position of having more personal literary associations than any other London borough.

The late Sir C. W. Dilke, a grandson of Keats' friend and neighbour, bequeathed to the Hampstead Public library all the letters which his grandfather received. There are other relics—twenty-eight in all—and they will form the nucleus of the Keats Museum. They include the poet's own copy of "Endymion."

In connection with Children's Day, held in London, Lady Houston has sent a cheque for £5,000 to Lady Cynthia Colville, chairman of the Appeal Fund of the National Council for Maternity and Child Welfare.

Miss E. E. Walsh, secretary of the National Union of School Teachers, speaking at the union's annual conference at Manchester recently, said, "The women members of Parliament are of very little use to us. They will only take up a popular cause." Miss Walsh announced that they would not be sending to the women M.P.s copies of a resolution, which was passed, calling upon the Government to institute an inquiry into the position of uncertificated and supplementary teachers. "Our case is not by any means popular," she added, "and until it becomes fashionable, I am afraid we will not get the support of the women M.P.s."

The National Swiss Costume Fête will be held this year at Geneva on June 27 and 28, when there will be a display of ancient and modern Swiss costumes by groups from all the Cantons and districts of the country, and 2,500 persons in national costume will take part in a parade.

The members of the Board of Directors of the I.C.N. will be fortunate if they see this picturesque sight.

## A WORD FOR THE MONTH.

"It is no use controlling employment if we are turning out in our schools children who come on to the market unemployable, so rotten in reading, writing, and spelling, and so undisciplined that no business man wants them in his office; and so devoted to pleasure, idleness and tomfoolery that they have never been taught to bend their backs to work."—SIR GEORGE NEWMAN, Chief Medical Officer to the Ministry of Health and Board of Education.

## COMING EVENTS.

June 8th-13th.—Second International Hospital Congress, organised by the International Hospital Committee, Vienna.

June 10th.—Middlesex Hospital Nurses League. First Annual General Meeting and Reunion of Past and Present Nurses, Nurses Home, Middlesex Hospital, W. 3 p.m.

June 13th.—Mental Hospital Matrons' Association. Quarterly Meeting, St. Andrew's Hospital, Billing Road, Northampton. 2.30 p.m.

June 15th-20th.—National Council of Women of Great Britain, Annual Meeting and Conference at Aberdeen.

June 20th.—British College of Nurses, Monthly Meeting of Council, 39, Portland Place, W. 2.15 p.m.

June 23rd.—Royal British Nurses' Association. Annual Meeting. 194, Queen's Gate, S.W. 3.30 p.m.

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

June 29th-July 1st.—International Council of Nurses. Meeting of Board of Directors at Headquarters, 14 Quai des Eaux Vives, Geneva.

July 1st.—Children's Party in the Garden of Marlborough House, lent by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, President of the Hospital for Sick Children Great Ormond Street, W.C., in aid of the reconstruction fund of the Hospital.

July 4th.—League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses. General Meeting, Nurses Home, 3 p.m., followed by Social Gathering in the Great Hall, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C.

July 14th.—British College of Nurses. Annual Meeting of Fellows and Members, 3 p.m. Reception by the Council, and Tea, 4.30-6.30 p.m. All Fellows and Members heartily welcome. 39, Portland Place, W.

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