

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

When the Queen visited Bedford College, Regent's Park, to open the new Wing which has been built at a cost of £100,000 she was received by the Marquis of Crewe and the Principal of the College, Miss Jebb. As Her Majesty drove up to the main entrance five hundred students lined the drive and curtsied low as she passed by. The new buildings are named after Miss Margaret Tuke, the late Principal, who was respected not only within the College, but far beyond its walls both for her learning and her sincerity.

The Annual Meeting and Conference of the National Council of Women of Great Britain held in Aberdeen from June 15th to 20th, and presided over by the President, Mrs. Keynes, was as usual both successful and enjoyable. Of chief nursing interest was the address by Miss E. M. Musson, Chairman of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, on opportunities offered by the Nursing Profession, who said it had need of lecturers, examiners, writers, and research workers, and there was room and scope for the woman with the University degree provided she was in other respects, suitable.

There was a variety of careers open to the Registered Nurse at home and abroad, in voluntary hospitals, and in the Public Services.

The mission fields and big liners offered posts for nurses. On the preventive side there was a demand for well-qualified nurses as health visitors, school nurses, nurses in industries and factories, and so on—there was an ever-widening field.

The leading representatives of the profession did not advocate the fixing of either hours or pay by Act of Parliament, but trusted that by influencing public opinion they might obtain such improved conditions as were still necessary.

Resolutions were passed re-affirming for the third time the unanimous support of the National Council of Women for the Humane Slaughter of Animals Bill and urging the Prime Minister to give immediate facilities to the Bill now before Parliament; urging His Majesty's Government to introduce legislation at the earliest possible date 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; requesting the Home Secretary to appoint a Women Commissioner of Prisons and Director of Convict Prisons, whose duties should include the inspection of prisons where women are confined, and urges upon the Government the necessity for a revision of the methods of dealing with women prisoners; it further asks the Secretary of State for Scotland to make suitable arrangements of a similar character for Scotland.

The Council also desired "That the Government be asked to appoint a Royal Commission to make full enquiries into the causation of Mental Deficiency, into its relationship to other abnormal conditions and social problems, and into any measures, including both segregation and sterilisation, by which it might be prevented."

The Victorian Exhibition held at 23A, Bruton Street, W., during June, in aid of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, was most attractive, the house lending itself to that period, though not entirely Victorian in structure. As one entered one almost expected to meet one's grandmother coming out of one of the rooms to greet one—so many of the treasures were reminiscent of those one was accustomed to see in one's early youth.

Her Majesty the Queen had lent several important exhibits, and she visited the exhibition, showing once

again the great interest she takes in the antique world. Their Highnesses Princess Helena Victoria and Princess Marie Louise, contributed Victorian jewellery and objects of historic interest; and many other well known owners had lent beautiful treasures which were of very great importance. Furniture, clothes, pictures, Baxter prints, silhouettes, Victorian jewellery and valentines were of great interest. Some of the last-mentioned were lent by Mrs. Willoughby Hodgson, who so kindly allowed an exhibit of these to be held at the British College of Nurses some years ago. As one left 23, Bruton Street a pang of regret went through one to think that in a short time it will be in the hands of housebreakers and another old landmark gone from London—though one must own the house is not adapted for labour-saving and must have been most trying for the domestics of that period.

Those nurses who attended the Tuberculosis Congress in Rome in 1928 and experienced the kindness of the Duchess of Aosta, who took so great an interest in the proceedings, will have learnt with deep regret of her bereavement in the death of her gallant husband, who during the Great War was placed in command of the Third Army, which bore the brunt of the war on the Carso and the Piave. The Duke expressed the wish to be buried in the Carso "among my soldiers," and his wish is to be respected.

British Nurses offer to Her Royal Highness their respectful sympathy.

A WORD FOR THE MONTH.

"What are the qualities of service that you are interested in and that I am interested in? I cannot draw any line between nursing and medicine. I have tried many times to do it, but I cannot say where the doctor's job begins and the nurse's stops. In this service in which I cannot help identifying myself with you, the first thing that I see as characteristic of it and not characteristic of most other employments in which your friends or my friends are engaged, is that *there is no limit* to what you are expected to do. . . .

The sort of service we give is not of a quality that can be paid for. I believe the same is true of all the best services in the world. They are all *unmeasured services*. You do a great deal more than people know enough to ask of you. You do as much as the occasion seems to need. I think that is one of the traits of a *liberal* profession, a free profession, that is not tied up to a bargain—so much work for so much pay. Although there is pay for the work of a liberal profession, we cannot take that pay seriously as a measure of the good (or the harm) we do, for if we are truthful, we must admit sometimes that with the best motives and in spite of our best efforts, we do fail and others suffer in consequence."—Richard C. Cabot, M.D.

From the Johns Hopkins Nurses' Magazine.

COMING EVENTS.

July 10th.—Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service, Semi-Finals and Final of the Tennis Tournament, Officers Mess Tennis Courts, Royal Air Force Depot, Uxbridge, weather permitting, 3 p.m.

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.

July 18th.—Royal British Nurses Association. General Council of the Association "At Home" to members. 194 Queen's Gate. 4 to 6 p.m.

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