

given to many people leisure who formerly had none, and the organisations that had arisen to help people to fill that time profitably; notably the extra-mural classes at the Universities. The right use of leisure, she said, did not come by chance, but was the result of training and education.

Rev. Mr. Buick, speaking on "The Cinema," said that the cinema had become a power in the land, and the women of the country had a great deal of power and he looked to them to support only good films.

Mr. Cleghorn Thomson spoke of the responsibility the wireless had in keeping men and women in touch with the events of the day, and supplying them with musical and dramatic treats. It was women's influence and criticism that was the strong force in maintaining a high standard in broadcasting.

Votes of thanks and Mrs. Keynes's farewell speech concluded the business part of the Conference. The National Anthem was sung.

On Friday the delegates enjoyed a motor excursion on lovely Deeside, when they were, by the kind permission of His Majesty's Commissioner, admitted to the gardens of Balmoral Castle. They were afterwards hospitably entertained to tea by Lord and Lady Aberdeen and visited them at their lovely home, Cromar House.

Hospitality and kindness was the keynote of the Aberdeen Conference. The Ladies' Town and County Club was thrown open to the delegates. Visits were arranged to the Mental Hospital, the Rowett Institute, the School of Domestic Science, King's College, Marischal College, St. Machar's Cathedral and other places of interest.

The Aberdeen University Ladies' Club entertained the delegates to a garden party at Grandhome by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Paton, which was a great success. The Conference was an inspiring and memorable affair, and it was with grateful hearts that we said good-bye to our kind friends in the Silver City by the Sea.

THE PRIMATE CALLS FOR UNITED PRAYER.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has issued a request for prayer on behalf of the Government, of Parliament, and of the Nation at this present time. His Grace asks:—Let us pray together that God may give to the new Government wisdom and courage, to Parliament a deep sense of its responsibility, to the whole Nation a spirit of ready and willing sacrifice, so that by the co-operation of all classes the confidence and stability may be restored on which the welfare of the whole people depends.

A WORD FOR THE MONTH.

"Courage consists in equality to the problem before us."—Emerson.

COMING EVENTS.

September 12th.—Mental Hospital Matrons' Association. Quarterly Meeting. 194, Queen's Gate, S.W. 2.30 p.m.

September 19th.—British College of Nurses. Monthly Meeting, 39, Portland Place. 2.15 p.m.

September 25th.—General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Monthly Meeting. 20, Portland Place, W. 2.30 p.m.

September 29th.—British College of Nurses. Monthly Meeting of Tutorial Group. Subject: "The Feeding of Patients." 39, Portland Place, W. 8 p.m.

October 1st.—Royal Infirmary, Wigan. Unveiling of Memorial Windows to the late Miss K. V. Macintyre, by Mrs. Edward Lawrence. Infirmary Chapel. 2 p.m.

October 5th.—Presentation of Prizes and Certificates to Members of the Nursing Staff of the Fulham Hospital, by Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., Chairman of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, St. Dunstan's Road, Hammersmith. 3.30 p.m.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not in ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.

RELICS OF THE OLD FIGHTING DAYS.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR EDITOR,—You may be interested to hear of a visit I recently paid to an almshouse, where we met one of the residents, a widower, living alone. He was just then visited by his grandson, a boy of eight or more, who had brought him a mat made for his shrine. Would we like to see the shrine? We said "Yes," and went into his house. The man seemed like a poet, a bit dreamy, and enthusiastic; the shrine was in his bedroom; a divan bed was at one side of the room, the other wall covered with the shrine—like an altar, with a reedos and an altar frontal of a bird flying in front of a grill; and a large panel, a woman coming out of an open door. All this seemed not much, but the whole was composed of banners carried by militant suffragettes, in most beautiful work, very thick and heavy material; the altar frontal was the centre of a banner, representing a dove flying out of prison; the woman's figure was a woman coming out of prison to freedom; the designs and material and work, all superb; another banner—just as good, but rather frayed, he used as a bed-spread. It seems almost a pity for these relics of the old fighting days to be lost, but so long as the present owner lives they are sacred; for his shrine is in memory of a grandson who was drowned.

It was very interesting, and I thought it might interest you as well.

Yours sincerely,

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How may milk be contaminated? What are the principal diseases peculiar to human beings which may be the originators of milk-borne epidemics?

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