

enshrined in history, original thinkers of great mental force and extraordinarily fine moral fibre. We spoke with them all—Lucy Stone, Julia Ward Howe, Susan B. Anthony, May Wright Sewall, and, of a younger generation, Isabel Hampton, Lavinia L. Dock and a host of others. Having come into personal communion with these ardent spirits we felt we could not let them go. We returned to Europe determined to keep in touch with leaders in the nursing world in the United States, and in six years' time when inspired to found the International Council of Nurses they gave us invaluable sympathy and support.

It is somewhat sad that no interest has been aroused "on this side" in the present World's Fair in Chicago. We wonder how it will compare with that dream of beauty which flanked Lake Michigan in 1893. No Exposition more exquisite ever materialised.

The balanced Budget is a remarkable tribute to the sacrifice of taxpayers of all classes. Our profession will feel just pride in the patriotic part it has played in this sacrifice.

WHAT TO READ.

"Albert the Good: A Life of the Prince Consort." By Hector Bolitho.

"Let's Pretend. Recollections and Reflections of a Lucky Actor." By Cedric Hardwicke.

"The Children's Summer." By Sheila Kaye Smith.

"Secret Sentence." By Vicki Baum.

"Cloonagh." By D. M. Large.

"Margaret Macmillan." By Dr. Albert Mansbridge.

"Melba." By Percy Colson.

WORD FOR THE MONTH.

"Always be ready to speak your mind and the base man will avoid you."—Blake.

COMING EVENTS.

APRIL.

April 14th.—National Council of Nurses of Great Britain. Meeting of Executive Committee, 39, Portland Place, London, W. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick (President), in the Chair. *Morning Session*, 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; adjournment for lunch. *Afternoon Session*, 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Tea at conclusion of meeting at 39, Portland Place, W.

April 19th.—British College of Nurses. Paper by Miss Isabel Macdonald, F.B.C.N., on "The Four Temperaments." 39, Portland Place, London, W.1. 5.30 p.m.

April 22nd.—General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Monthly Meeting, 20, Portland Place, London, W. 2.30 p.m.

April 23rd.—British College of Nurses. Monthly Meeting of Council. 39, Portland Place, London, W. 2.15 p.m.

April 29th.—The College of Nursing. Nursing Pageant from 1132 B.C.—A.D. 1932. Produced by the Sister Tutor Section. Polytechnic Portland Street Extension Hall. 5.30 p.m. and 8.30 p.m.

April 30th.—Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association Annual Meeting, Brook Hospital, Shooters' Hill, by kind invitation of the Matron. 3 p.m.

MAY.

May 3rd.—British College of Nurses. Tutorial Group expedition to the Cow and Gate Factories in the West of England. (Expenses generously defrayed by the firm.)

KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

Aspiration is my Favourite.

A *Sister Tutor* writes:—"I have studied my copy—(thank you so much for sending it)—of "The History of the International Council of Nurses, 1899-1925," not only with the keenest interest, but delight. To think that all this wonderful work was going on when I was a small child, and that all through my training I knew nothing of it! Why were we not encouraged to read THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING in our training schools instead of the rubbish usually taken for our benefit? From the History I seem to have come into touch with so many splendid women from all over the world. I might have met and known them, but now, alas! that can never be—they rest from their labours. Anyway, you and Miss Breay have made it possible to listen to their teaching and aspire to follow in their footsteps. I want every Sister Tutor to study this book and learn by heart much of the wisdom from so many sources which it contains. After reading the Report of the Interim Conference of the I.C.N. in Paris, in 1907 (fancy, a quarter of a century ago!), when the nurses were so highly honoured by the Municipality and welcomed in the Palace of the City of Paris, by the Public Health Societies and persons of social distinction I, of course, mean, if alive, to attend the Congress in Paris—Brussels next year. I note from B.J.N. that our National Council will support the request that Sister Tutors and teachers shall organise a special Luncheon; it should be a very popular function. Thank you for all the 'Watchwords' in the History. 'Aspiration' is my favourite."

[Our National Council will begin on the 14th inst. to consider the Congress Programme for July, 1933, and the aim of every British nurse should be to do everything in her power to make it an event of the greatest usefulness to humanity possible. As M. Mesureur told us in 1907, "Frontiers do not exist for Nurses."—ED.]

Unfair Competition.

A *Private Nurse in distress* writes:—"Surely it is not fair of Registered Nurses who organise Private Nurses Associations to engage so many Dominion nurses when we at home are in so much distress for work. And the system is wrong—Nurses are engaged on salary to live in for twelve months—and others after the year's work on the outside percentage system. On this society we find salaried Nurses get most of the work as they are more profitable, and when it comes to filling many vacancies with these trained in the various Dominions it seems most unfair competition that we should have sometimes to wait for weeks for a case, whilst those unable to get work at home come to England and are given preference because they work for less."

[This complaint has reached this journal on several occasions. By request of our overseas colleagues, including U.S.A., we have warned English nurses not to emigrate in the hope of obtaining work, as so many nurses in the various countries are finding it very difficult to keep employed.—Ed.]

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PRIZE COMPETITION FOR MAY.

What is Addison's Disease? Describe its symptoms, signs, and forms of treatment and nursing care.

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