

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

The Senate of the University of London have learnt with great satisfaction that the King has intimated his intention of laying the foundation-stone of the new University buildings on Monday, June 26th, and that his Majesty will be accompanied by the Queen.

Sir Ronald Graham, the British Ambassador at Rome, has presented Signor Mussolini with the silver medal of merit conferred upon him by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals—the highest award in the gift of the society—in recognition of his recent action in making the island of Capri a bird sanctuary.

The new law in regard to cruelty to dogs introduces a novel principle into the legal code.

Under the Protection of Animals (Amendment) Act, if a person is convicted of cruelty to a dog, he or she may in future be prevented from owning or even from having the custody of one. Magistrates may make such an order for any period they think fit, in addition to any other penalty of fine or imprisonment. It is believed that no other country has adopted such a law.

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WHAT TO READ.

- "Richard Cœur de Lion," Clennell Wilkinson.
- "Mrs. Van Kleek," Elinor Mordaunt.
- "The English Eccentrics," Edith Sitwell.
- "My Sister My Bride," Cyril Hume.
- "Helena," Silvia Thompson.
- "Bramwell Booth," Catherine Bramwell Booth.
- "Book of Talbot," Violet Clifton.
- "Twenty Years A-growing," Maurice O'Sullivan.

COOK'S HANDBOOK TO PARIS.

With Maps and Vocabulary of French Phrases.

We have had numerous enquiries concerning an inexpensive Guide Book to Paris. Cook's Guide to Paris, with specially engraved map, plans, and vocabulary of French phrases, issued at 2s. 6d., is a most useful little publication. It is compiled especially for the use of travellers on their first visit to Paris, and is designed to enable them to utilise the time at their disposal to the best advantage. The map will be found specially useful. The Handbook can be procured from Thos. Cook and Son, Ltd., Berkeley St., Piccadilly, W.1.

COMING EVENTS.

June 17th.—British College of Nurses. Council Meeting, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1. 2.15 p.m.

June 20th.—Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service. The Matron-in-Chief and Members of the Nursing Service. At Home, Claridge's Hotel, Brook Street, W.1. 3.30 to 6 p.m.

June 21st.—Alexandra Day.

June 21st.—At the Nurses' College, 30, Dunoos Road, Devonshire Road, Honor Oak Park, Miss E. E. P. MacManus will hold a Reunion Garden Party for members of the Guy's Hospital Nurses' League, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Those who wish to attend should send in their names to Miss MacManus before June 20th.

June 22nd.—At the Princess Elizabeth of York Hospital for Children, Shadwell, E.1, Mr. W. R. Bett, M.R.C.S., will give a lantern lecture on "The Stature and Language of Dürer." The chair will be taken by Count Bernstorff, Counsellor to the German Embassy. 8.45 p.m.

June 23rd.—General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Monthly Meeting. 20, Portland Place, W.1. 2.30 p.m.

June 23rd.—League of Red Cross Societies. Presentation of Certificates to Students who have completed the International Courses, by Dr. Alice G. Masarykova, President, Czechoslovak Red Cross Society. Bedford College, Regent's Park, London, N.W.1. 3.30 p.m. Reception 4.30 p.m. Academic Dress.

June 24th.—Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association. Annual Meeting. The Southern Hospital, Dartford, Kent. 3 p.m.

July.

July 1st.—League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses. General Meeting. Lecture Room, Nurses' Home, St. Bartholomew's Hospital. 3 p.m.

July 1st.—Annual Meeting and Dinner of the London Hospital League of Nurses. Library. Agenda and Programme of Events will be sent to Members.

July 1st.—Dulwich Hospital Nurses' League. Reunion of past and present nurses. Dulwich Hospital, East Dulwich Grove, London, S.E.22. Tea 4 to 6 p.m.

July 9th—12th.—The International Council of Nurses' Meeting and the Nurses' Congress in Paris.

July 13th—15th.—The International Council of Nurses' Meeting and the Nurses' Congress in Brussels.

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.

Y.W.C.A. OUTCOME OF CRIMEAN WAR.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—There appeared in the *Sunday Times* of March 26th, 1933, a most interesting statement made in the columns written by "Pandora," that the Y.W.C.A. was the outcome of the nurses on their return from the Crimean War, there being no proper accommodation for them to go to. I wrote to "Pandora" asking her if she would be good enough to let me know where this information could be found. My letter was answered by Mr. Kay Gilmour, who sent me the names of two books which contained the information, "Girls of Yesterday and To-day" by Lucy Moore, and "Reminiscences" by Emily Kinnard. I might add here, we have bought both these books for the History Section of the British College of Nurses.

Through the energy of some ladies who lived in London, Viscountess Strangford, Mrs. Kinnard, and Miss Nightingale,

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