

Church and left there by the altar. A tap at the window brought me indoors. "I took it to church just as you said," she explained happily, "and what do you think, I found a lot of darling little babies being christened, so I just popped it round the font."

It was this overflowing maternity, this heart that was big enough to take in all suffering and weakness, that won the hearts of those who served with her on the St. Pancras Board of Guardians, and later the mothers and babies of the St. Pancras infant welfare centre. How she worked with and for them all and how she loved them!

In the darkened room where Harry Irving lay dying he spoke much of his heart's desire to see widows' pensions at length achieved, then, passing from the cares and kindnesses of this world, he died with noble words of Shakespeare on his lips. Dolly, sitting as it were beside him, was filled with the same love and longing for humanity, with the same music and beauty as accompaniment. How shall I sum her up? As the eternal Mrs. Darling, who was always at heart nearer to Peter Pan than the littlest of her children. How shall I think of her? Just playing with all the Holy Innocents in—Ever Ever Land.

WHAT TO READ.

- "Napoleon's Love Story." Mc. Nair Wilson.
 "The American Presidents." Herbert Agar.
 "Vanessa." Hugh Walpole.
 "Laughing Through Fleet Street." Bernard Falk.
 "The Proselyte." Susan Ertz.
 "No Second Spring." Janet Beith.
 "Mr. Pete & Co." Alice Hegan Rice.

A WORD FOR THE MONTH.

IRRETRIEVABLY GONE.

Much of what we thought we had is now irretrievably gone, swallowed up by others in the wasteful living of all the world during what seemed to be years of prosperity. We disregarded how our fathers and grandfathers had toiled early and late and saved their sixpences, and we never realised that we were using up all their labour as readily as we use up the sunshine of past ages in our coalfields.

Sir Flinders Petrie, F.R.S.

COMING EVENTS.

October 9th-13th.—National Council of Women of Great Britain. Annual Meeting and Conference. Town Hall, Torquay.

October 12th.—Fulham Hospital, St. Dunstan's Road, W.6. Distribution of Prizes to the Nurses, at 3 p.m., by Ernest M. Dence, Esq., LL.D., J.P., Chairman of the London County Council.

October 18th.—National Council of Nurses of Great Britain. Meeting Executive Committee. 39, Portland Place, London, W.1. 4.15 p.m. Tea 4 p.m.

October 21st.—British College of Nurses. Meeting of Council. 11.30 a.m. Opening of Winter Session. Tea 4 p.m. Address on "The International Congress of Nurses, Paris—Brussels, 1933." 5 p.m.

October 21st.—Urgency Cases Hospital, Bar-le-Duc, Revigny. The Fifteenth Annual Dinner. Canuto's Restaurant, 88, Baker Street, W.1. 6.45 for 7 p.m.

October 27th.—General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Monthly Meeting, 20, Portland Place, W.1, 2.30 p.m.

November 9th.—Nurses' Christian Alliance. Autumn "At Homes." Speaker: Lt.-Commander P. F. Bonham Carter, R.N. 7.30-9 p.m., and

December 7th.—Speaker: Miss Kelly. 3-5.30 p.m.

November 17th and 18th.—Nurses' Missionary League. Annual Sale of Work. 135, Ebury Street London, S.W.1.

REST HOME FOR NURSES AT VILLA BELVEDERE, FIESOLE (FIRENZE), ITALY.

We have received the following kind letter from Italy, and feel sure nurses will anticipate with delight a visit to the beautiful Villa Belvedere at Fiesole, Florence, one of the most exquisite places in the world. How generous to throw it open to nurses from abroad!

Viale Regina Vittoria,
 Firenze.
 1st October, 1933.

DEAR MADAM,—I was very interested and pleased to read in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING of September, 1933, a short accurate notice of our new Rest Home for Nurses at Villa Belvedere at Fiesole. It would be a great pleasure to us to welcome English Nurses, who would be sure to enjoy their stay in the charming villa and exquisite surroundings, and I would be very grateful if you would help us to make the Home known. I enclose a short notice of the Home. All nurses belonging to the British College of Nurses will be welcome, even if they do not belong to the British Red Cross, and I should be grateful if you could add to their request of admission a line of introduction from you.

If you require further informations I shall be very glad to give them to you. Italian or foreign nurses, even from the Far East, have been our guests since the opening of the Home. All are enthusiastic and have promised to come back!!

With grateful thanks and kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,
 MARGHERITA DE BELLEGARDE
 (Italian Red Cross).

President of the Committee for the Red Cross
 Rest Home for Nurses.

The following information has been supplied for the benefit of those contemplating paying a visit to the Rest Home.

On June 1st, 1933, in the presence of H.R.H. the Dowager Duchessa d'Aosta, the Rest Home for Nurses was opened and dedicated to the memory of all Italian Nurses who died on active service during the Great War.

The house, which is beautifully situated in one of the loveliest spots in Tuscany, is open to all Italian and Foreign Nurses all the year round.

All guests are sure of a warm welcome in the charming Villa, where everything contributes to their comfort and enjoyment. The House is provided with central heating, but even in winter time the climate is mild and all the rooms sunny and warm.

There is always a nice breeze, in the summer, and nothing can be more delightful than the summer evenings on the terrace gardens and in the wood of Villa Belvedere.

Sixteen guests can be taken in at a time. All the rooms are single bedded, have running water, and are most comfortably and prettily furnished. All look out on the magnificent view of Florence surrounded by her lovely hills. The price *per day* is Lire 18 (about five shillings at the present rate of exchange).

During the winter there will be a small extra charge to help for the heating expenses. An electric tram takes one in 40 minutes from Florence up to the ancient town of Fiesole, a few steps from Villa Belvedere, but a car can be provided to meet guests at the Florence station at the charge of Lire 30 (about ten shillings) if notice is given in time to the Direttrice (Matron) of the Home.

All Nurses who wish for further information and are thinking of enjoying a pleasant holiday in Italy are begged to write it good time to the—

Direttrice, Casa di Riposo per Infermiere,
 Croce Rossa Italiana,
 Villa Belvedere, Fiesole (Firenze), Italy.

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