

## THE AMERICAN NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

### WASHINGTON IN CHERRY BLOSSOM TIME.

The American Nurses' Association holds a Biennial Convention, which is this year to be held in Washington, one of the most beautiful cities in the world, from April 22nd to 27th.

Miss Ida Butler, of the District of Columbia Association, Chairman of the Local Committee on General Arrangements, together with representatives of the allied hostess Associations, Maryland and Virginia, has correlated the work of the sub-committees in a way to provide for a smooth-running, profitable and happy meeting. Entertainment has been provided in the form of sightseeing, which will be both educational and recreational, and which will permit the hostess nurses to offer hospitality that is enriched with the setting of historical background.

Six joint session programmes, arranged by the committee representing the three national nursing organisations, will pertain to the general topic for the Convention, "The Changing Order and The Profession of Nursing." The approach to this topic will be through various avenues of thought as follows:—

Patient needs will be presented in the subjects:—1. "What Does the Public Expect from Nursing?" 2. "How Can the Public Participate in Bringing This About?"

The economics of nursing will be approached through—The Changing Order as it Affects: 1. The Economic World. 2. Community Life.

Nursing education has a place in a joint programme in—1. Changes in the Field of Education. 2. The Changing Order and Nursing.

The relationship of legislation to the nursing profession will be considered in the session which deals with—1. Health Aspect of Social Legislation. 2. Legislation and the Future of Nursing.

The vast amount of nursing carried on at the bedside will receive the attention of the final joint programme which will be devoted to—1. The Changing Order and Hospitals. 2. The Nurse as Interpreter of the Hospital to the Community.

Nationally prominent men and women from the fields of government, education, sociology, and hospitals will present the subjects above outlined.

General Sessions of the Convention will deal with conditions more distinctively associated with nursing and nurses and the programme will provide for the round table discussion type of meeting.

A never-to-be-forgotten ceremony is planned for the unveiling of the Delano Memorial. And for every moment that is not occupied in meetings the hostess nurses have arranged that their guests may enjoy Washington in cherry blossom time.

Evidently Professional Entertainment at the Biennial will be on a lavish scale. At the Government Section Banquet to be held at the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, the Silver Anniversary of the Navy Nurse will be featured. All the principal hospitals will keep open house, also the National Institute of Health, which every nurse is urged to visit.

Sightseeing tours include a visit to Arlington National Cemetery—the lovely Field of Rest of National heroes—the historic home of the Lees of Civil War fame—Mount Vernon, the home of Washington, on the banks of the Potomac—the White House, Lincoln Memorial.

The Maryland and Virginia Associations are arranging for attractive tours to places of interest.

Thirty years ago the Editor of the *B.J.N.* spent an entrancing week going over the historic ground to be covered by guests to the Convention at Washington. Would that she could visit them once again!

## OUTSIDE THE GATES.

The Queen has sent a generous gift of books to the British Red Cross Society and Order of St. John Hospital Library. The library supplies more than 2,000 hospitals with books, which it does its best to renew from time to time. Its address is 48, Queen's Gardens, Lancaster Gate, W.2.

Under the patronage of the Queen, an exhibition, "Children Throughout the Ages," will open at Chesterfield House (by permission of the Earl of Harewood) on April 20.

Viscount Lee of Fareham is president and the Duke of Rutland and Lord Gorell are vice-presidents of the exhibition, which is in aid of the Greater London Fund for the Blind. The Duke and Duchess of York will attend the ball which will take place on May 29th at the close of the exhibition.

The Annual Meeting and Conference of the National Council of Women of Great Britain will be held in Edinburgh, by the invitation of the Edinburgh Branch, from October 1st to 5th, 1934.

The Road Traffic Bill which was introduced into the House of Commons by Mr. Oliver Stanley, the Minister of Transport, just before Easter, who proposes to take the second reading on April 10th, makes a genuine effort to wage a campaign against road accidents. There are certain provisions against excessive speed—and pedestrians are to be prevented, if possible, from "jay walking" as crossing places may be provided, and the Minister may make regulations as to the precedence of road and passenger traffic at these crossing places.

There is no provision in the Bill for statutory compensation for hospitals and medical practitioners in the case of road accidents, but it is understood that an amendment will be brought forward by private members in order to test the feelings of the House of Commons.

### A WORD FOR THE MONTH.

Trade is occupation for a livelihood,  
 Profession is occupation for service in the world.  
 Trade is occupation for the joy of its results,  
 Profession is occupation for joy in the process.  
 Trade is occupation where anyone may enter,  
 Profession is occupation where only those who are prepared may enter.  
 Trade is occupation taken up temporarily until something better offers,  
 Profession is occupation with which one is occupied for life.  
 Trade makes one the rival of every other trade,  
 Profession makes one co-operative with all his colleagues.  
 Trade knows only the ethics of success,  
 Profession is bound by the sacred ties of honour.

—PRESIDENT FAUNCE (*of Brown University*).

### WHAT TO READ.

"The Life of Sir Robert Jones." Frederick Watson.  
 "Creevey's Life and Times." John Gore.  
 "The Queeney Letters." Edited by the Marquis of Lansdown.  
 "The Tales of D. H. Lawrence."  
 "Winter in Moscow." Malcolm Muggeridge.  
 "Memoirs of a Camp Follower." Philip Gosse.  
 "Winterfield." Marjorie Booth.  
 "The Chronicle of Caroline Quellen, Centenarian." Seton Peacey.

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