

MEMORIAL TO ANNIE, VISCOUNTESS COWDRAY.

On Saturday, June 2nd, the Queen visited the College of Nursing, Henrietta Street, W., and received purses containing contributions towards the establishment of a Memorial to the late Annie, Viscountess Cowdray. The Memorial is to take the form of the endowment of the directorship of the education department, together with a small bursary fund.

The Queen was received in the entrance hall of the college by the Mayor of St. Marylebone, Miss R. Cox-Davies, president of the college; Sir Arthur Stanley, chairman of the Council of the college; Lady Denman, Lord Cowdray, and others. Miss Veronica Pearson, presented the Queen with a bouquet. Miss Cox-Davies said it had been decided that the Memorial must be of an educational character.

The Queen then received the purses, which were presented by nurses and others representing individual donors, the Student Nurses' Association, hospitals, and the different branches of the college in England, Wales and Scotland.

Miss Cox-Davies announced that the total amount was £6,054 0s. 2d., of which £2,000 0s. 2d. had been guaranteed to be paid in before October. The expenses of collection had not been high. It was expected that they would be about £380, which had probably been spent on printing, stationery and postage.

The Queen then visited the Cowdray Club, where she was received by Dame Sarah Swift, chairman, and the officers and members of the council of the club. Her Majesty paid a special visit to "The Room of Memory," and greatly admired its beautiful panelling and decoration.

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

The decision of the Education Committee of the London County Council to substitute the name "Commonwealth Day" for "Empire Day" in the schools under their charge, met with the strong disapproval of the man in the street whose forefathers built the British Empire by devoted self-sacrifice and strenuous labour—virtues apparently at a premium in circles which fail to appreciate the virile qualities of these adventurous pioneers. Anyway, the little Union Jack flags on sale in the street, sold in aid of the British Empire Cancer Campaign, were bought and worn in thousands. We patronised half-a-dozen "Pearly Queens" who apparently knew little of wealth, but were evidently ardent supporters in aid of an Empire Campaign for the amelioration of suffering.

On the death of Mr. Brand Whitlock at Cannes, Mrs. Whitlock received a telegram from the Queen-Mother of the Belgians reading, "My very deep sympathy goes to you in your overwhelming sorrow." After the ceremony of the funeral service an address was delivered on behalf of the Belgian Government by Me. G. de Léval, a Legal Counsellor to the British Embassy in Brussels, who defended Nurse Cavell at her trial. Me. de Léval expressed the gratitude of the Belgian people for the aid brought them during the German occupation by Mr. Whitlock, whose efforts, in many cases, saved condemned prisoners. We know how arduously he worked to save Nurse Cavell, for which British Nurses owe him a debt of gratitude.

"When a man has such things to think on and enjoys the sun, the moon and the stars, and enjoys earth and sea, he is not solitary or even helpless."

COMING EVENTS.

June 13th.—Miss M. S. Cochrane leaves Waterloo Station for Canada. 9 a.m.

June 13th to 16th.—Conference of Voluntary Hospitals of Great Britain and Ireland, opened by the Prince of Wales, Council Chamber, Guildhall.

June 14th.—National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee for Great Britain, The Nightingale Home, St. Thomas's Hospital. 3 p.m.

June 19th.—Royal British Nurses' Association. Annual Meeting. 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.7. 3.30 p.m.

June 22nd.—General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Council Meeting. 20, Portland Place, W.1. 2.30 p.m.

June 23rd.—British College of Nurses. Council Meeting. 39, Portland Place, W.1. 2.15 p.m.

June 27th.—University College Hospital Centenary Garden Party at St. James' Palace. 4 to 6 p.m.

June 28th.—By the kind permission of the Prince of Wales a Children's Party will be held in Marlborough House Gardens in Aid of the Reconstruction Fund of the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street. Tickets, 5s. each, are obtainable from Lady Thomas, the Children's Hospital, Great Ormond Street, W.C.1. 3-6.30 p.m.

JULY.

July 5th.—Florence Nightingale International Foundation. Inaugural Meeting: 15, Manchester Square, London, W.1. 3 p.m.

July 6th.—Princess Elizabeth of York Hospital for Children, Shadwell, E.1. Address on "Charles Lamb," by R. Ellis Roberts, Esq., F.R.S.L., Literary Editor of *Time and Tide*. Chairman: Dr. A. Salusbury MacNalty, M.A., F.R.C.P., Deputy to the Chief Medical Officer, Ministry of Health. Visitors cordially welcomed. 8.45 p.m.

July 9th.—Bedford College for Women (University of London). Presentation of Certificates to International Students by Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, R.R.C., President, International Council of Nurses. Reception. 3.30 p.m.

July 10th.—British College of Nurses. Annual Meeting, 39, Portland Place, W.1. 3 p.m. Reception and Tea, 4.30 to 6.30.

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.

The Editor has received several letters from correspondents expressing indignation at the statement made by Mrs. J. S. Courtauld, member of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, in a letter to the British College of Nurses, referring to the Meeting of protest against the splitting of the Preliminary Examination mainly supported by lay members of the G.N.C., in which she stated: "I find the speeches were inaccurate and showed a great want of knowledge of the subject under discussion."

The three speakers accused of ignorance of professional affairs by Mrs. Courtauld, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Miss Isabel Macdonald, and Miss M. S. Cochrane, desire to treat the statement with the contempt it deserves.

THE DRINK MORE MILK CAMPAIGN.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM.—We are urged to "drink more milk," and I heartily agreed with "School Nurse," who wrote in your March issue that she "read with mingled feelings the present proposals of the Milk Marketing Board to provide schools with milk, at a much reduced price, in connection with the 'Drink More Milk' campaign. I would rather see

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