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OUTSIDE THE GATES.

The Nations are grieving for their Great Dead.

Albert, King of the Belgians, Premier Knight of the Age. Marshal Lyautey, brilliant soldier of the French colonial school, supreme exponent of peace.

The murdered Chancellor Dollfuss of Austria, whose valiant life dripped drop by drop in sacrifice and salvation for his country.

President von Hindenburg, Patriot, who symbolised for the German people the old heroic strain in their history.

All have been honoured in death, and gloriously entombed. The world is poorer for their mortal silence. Let their spirits prevail.

We have to thank Archdeacon Howson, of Liverpool, for a kind comment on the paragraph in our last issue on "The Noble Women of the Atrium Windows in the Lady Chapel of the Liverpool Cathedral," by the Rev. William McNeill, which was recently presented to the British College of Nurses. The Archdeacon tells us there are two series of windows by Mr. McNeill—the Atrium and the Staircase, and that Agnes Jones appears in the staircase windows. He adds "I knew her well in my boyhood." Also that when the windows were placed Florence Nightingale was alive. We are honoured that Archdeacon Howson evidently read our July issue very carefully, for he writes: "Your number contains much of our Liverpool story. Sir Robert Jones was ours peculiarly, Mother Cecile is in the staircase window." Another window was the work of his daughter.

A WORD FOR THE MONTH.

"To-day all forward thinkers in our profession are concerned, not so much with rescue as with the prevention of disease.

"The purpose of the medical profession will no longer be to cure disease or to relieve it, to rescue you from illness, suffering or death when you are in the last ditch, but to keep you in the condition of robust health to which you are entitled." LORD MOYNIHAN.

WHAT TO READ.

"One's Company: A Journey to China." Peter Fleming. "Red Road through Asia." Bosworth Goldman. "Dew on the Grass." Eiluned Lewis. ." Beside the Seaside." Yvonne Cloud.

VERSE.

"Let me grow lovely, growing old, So many fine things do; Lace and ivory and gold And silks need not be new. There is a healing in old trees; Old streets a glamour hold; Why may not I, as well as these, Grow lovely, growing old ? "

-Wilson Baker.

COMING EVENTS.

September 1st.—Mental Hospital Matrons' Association. Quarterly Meeting. Royal British Nurses' Association. Quarterly Meeting. Royal British Nurses' Association Club, 194, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7. 2.30 p.m. September 22nd.—British College of Nurses. Council Meeting, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1. 2.15 p.m, September 28th.—General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Council Meeting 20, Barthard Place, London

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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.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM INDIA.

We regret that the following letter was received too late for presentation at the Inaugural Meeting of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation. Mrs. Watts' wishes for an inspiring meeting were certainly Mrs. fulfilled.

The Trained Nurses' Association of India. 2, Madavakkam Tank Road,

Kilpauk, Madras

Air Mail.

DEAR MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK,-I felt that it would not be fitting for the Inaugural Meeting of the Florence Nightingale Memorial Foundation to pass by without some special message being sent for India. Therefore, on behalf of the National Florence Nightingale Foundation Memorial Committee of India and the members of the Trained Nurses' Association of India, I send hearty greetings and sincere wishes for an inspiring meeting.

We are very glad that our President, Miss Abram, is in England and able to participate in the wonderful gatherings that will take place. Many of us will be in London in spirit on that day. You will be glad to know that we have sufficient money collected for a Scholarship, and I hope that this money can be sent to Headquarters of the Foundation Memorial after the committee has met in Bombay at the end of this month. We hope that, having raised the money, we will be able to send a student next year. May you have a very happy meeting. We shall be glad to have news of it after it is over.

With my sincere regards, good wishes and greetings from our Association.

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

ETHEL A. WATTS, Hon. Gen. Secretary. To Mrs. Bedford Fenwick.

NOTICES.

THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING has always attempted to maintain an historic record of nursing progress and organisation, and therefore has devoted much space in this issue to the Florence Nightingale International Foundation which, as has already become apparent, will undoubtedly be one of the most important organisations for the benefit of Nursing Service throughout the world, and to the Report of the Silver Jubilee of the Canadian Nurses' Association. We have the re been compelled to hold over many of our usual fe. ۰۶.

Those readers who wish to procure extra co, as of our August number containing the Report of the ... ugural Meeting of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation are advised to make early application to the Manager, BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, in order to avoid disappointment.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITION.

We regret that we are unable to award a prize this month. Some of the papers received, which were otherwise of sufficient merit to receive a prize, did not conform to the Rules in the matter of length, and were therefore unfortunately disqualified.

August being the holiday month, no question is set for September. The next will be published in September, and the Prize Paper will appear in our October issue.



