

A WORD FOR THE MONTH.

"THE STARS IN THEIR COURSES ARE FIGHTING FOR YOU."

"When the normal adjustment of society to a state of high productivity shall have been attained, it will be found that the cultural activities of life occupy central place. Slum districts will give way to parks, public health services will be greatly extended, the treatment of criminals and of mental defectives will be brought up to modern standards. Education for children and for adults will grow in quality and in extent. There will be a growing demand for music, and drama, and architecture, and for all the arts. The arts of living, the art of using leisure time, the art of social co-operation, the art of personal relationships, the arts of appreciation, will develop in more ways than we can now foresee. In all these developments, the social services will play an important part in steering public opinion toward a sound standard of values. . . .

"This is a new situation. You have struggled for years to establish the decencies of life for their own sake. The time has now come when you can demand the means for an expanded social work programme in the name of economic law. The fates have taken your side. The heavy artillery has come up—in fact, it is parked in the White House. The stars in their courses are fighting for you. Whatever defeats and disappointments may be still in store, the law stands that there is no way out of the dark valley but the way of cultural advance."

—"Necessary Changes in Public Opinion in the New Social Order." From an address by David Cushman Coyle, at the National Conference of Social Work, Detroit, 1933.

A DEDICATION.

O Feet that walked the simple common ways,
And Hands outstretched to tend and heal and bless;
O dear, dear Face, deep furrowed, yet serene,
With Anguish—turned to sweetness by the Love
That crowns Thee, wraps Thee round in golden light,
And, mantle-like enfolds those sons of men
Who, in their weakness, Thy compassion seek
And find. Lord, in the inmost shrine of our fond hearts
May we enthrone Thee and true homage pay,
And bring Thee Thine own flowers of Love and Charity.

F. M. WILLETT.
The Nursing Journal of India.

WHAT TO READ.

- "My Fifty Years," H.R.H. Prince Nicholas of Greece.
- "Political Memoirs," H.R.H. Prince Nicholas of Greece.
- "Seed of Adam," Violet Campbell.
- "Elizabeth," Frank Swinnerton.
- "They Knew Mr. Knight," Dorothy Whipple.
- "The Winds of Time," Lady Gordon.
- "The Valley of the Assassins," Freya Stark.
- "Secrets of Siberia," Pierre Dominique.
- "A Manchu Monarch," A. E. Grantham.
- "Spin a Yarn, Sailor," Sinbad.

COMING EVENTS.

- September 20th.—Final of the "Ross" Lawn Tennis Challenge Cup Competition for Nurses at Colindale Hospital, Hendon, N.W. 3 p.m.
- September 22nd.—British College of Nurses. Council Meeting, 39, Portland Place, London, W. 2.15 p.m.
- September 25th.—Fulham Hospital (L.C.C.) St. Dunstan's Road, W. Distribution of Prizes to the Nurses by Dr. C. T. Parsons, O.B.E. 3 p.m.
- September 28th.—General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Council Meeting, 20, Portland Place, London, W. 2.30 p.m.
- September 28th.—Princess Elizabeth of York Hospital for Children, Glamis Road, Shadwell, E. Talk on "The Lure of England," by Mr. S. P. B. Mais, M.A., author of "This Unknown Island," "A Modern Columbus," etc. Chairman: Mr. Percival J. Ashton, Founder and Organizing Secretary of the Londoners' Circle. Visitors cordially welcomed. 8.45 p.m.

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.

INFORMATION INVITED.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM.—Some enquiries having been set on foot by members of our Association as to the practicability of commencing refresher courses in this country I have been asked to communicate with you and to ask you if you could give me any information as to what is being done in England in this matter. Particularly I would be glad if you could supply me with the following information:—

- (1) At which London and County Hospitals of 400 to 700 beds refresher courses are available;
- (2) The length of course;
- (3) The amount charged for the course (if any);
- (4) What lectures are given;
- (5) Do refresher students live in;
- (6) Do refresher students take any staff duties?
- (7) And general arrangements.

Our Association would be extremely grateful for this information if you would be kind enough to grant it, and for anything further you might be able to tell us about these courses.

I am, dear Madam,
Yours faithfully,

ISOBEL HARESNAPS,
Honorary Secretary.

New Zealand Trained Nurses' Association
(Auckland Branch).

[We have pleasure in giving publicity to this letter from Miss Haresnaps, and shall be glad to receive and forward to her any information addressed by correspondents to the Editor, THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, 39, Portland Place, London W.1.—ED.]

KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

Miss Maud M. Milligan, working at the Methodist Mission Hospital, Yungchow, Hunan, writes:—

"Although our spheres of labour are so far apart, I recollect we are still units in a world-wide cause for the uplift of suffering humanity. I think that is the thing which impressed me most at the Congress in Paris last year, to think of all those splendid women who were daily giving their lives in this great Cause all over the world, and here am I tucked away in a country village in China with all its hundreds and thousands of people, one Hospital within a radius of 100 miles, and yet as vitally in the work as those who are in the thickest of the fight! This filled me with great joy as I thought about it all, and I have tried to pass on the same enthusiasm to my Chinese Nurses since I returned last August. It was a great privilege to attend the Congress and I shall not soon forget it.

"I am beginning a new Training School for Girl and Boy Nurses here and have now got seven Nurses in training. I hope to have two Seniors ready for their Finals this year, so please remember them in December, as that is when the Nurses' Association of China holds its exams. every year.

"I have just got my report out for the three months I was here last year."

PRIZE COMPETITION QUESTION FOR OCTOBER.

State what is meant by the following terms (a) notifiable disease. What is the duty of the nurse who suspects. that she is in contact with such a case? (b) medical inspection of school children. What is the duty of a school nurse in this connection?

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