

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

GIFTS FROM THE QUEEN.

The Queen has just presented to the Royal United Service Museum in Whitehall two valuable pieces of old Staffordshire ware—a statuette of Sir Henry Havelock and a jug fashioned with the head of Wellington.

Mrs. Stanley Baldwin is organizing a dinner, which will take place at the Goldsmiths' Hall (by permission of the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths) on May 8th, in aid of the Safer Motherhood Campaign.

The Golf ball organized by a committee of well-known golfers, held at Grosvenor House on December 14th, realized the sum of £901 for the new Nurses' Home at St. Mary's Hospital, W.2. The total amount raised by means of this annual event in aid of St. Mary's Hospital now exceeds £2,250.

Referring to the Blessed Corrado da Parzham, the cause for whose canonisation has advanced another step, the Pope recently drew attention to the reappearance of a figure embodying all the essential Christian qualities: devotion to all duties, even the humblest; the spirit of obedience and discipline, of abnegation and of readiness to serve, which, by teaching moderation and frugality, prevented the mind from stifling in materialism and gave the liberty needed for a spiritual life.

When Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang, the former Governor of Manchuria, returned to China after an eight months' tour of Europe, he said he had been most impressed by:—

- (1) British liberty.
- (2) French patriotism.
- (3) Italian progressiveness.
- (4) German industry.
- (5) Dutch cleanliness.

In Denmark and Sweden Marshal Chang noted the "great progress which had been made in the equal distribution of wealth."

CHANGING LONDON.

Admirers of Mr. Hanslip Fletcher's art may see at St. Marylebone's Public Library a representative collection of his drawings of "Changing London," many of which have appeared in the *Sunday Times*.

The exhibition will remain open till the end of March.

JOHN BOND'S MARKING INK.

The enterprising firm of Messrs. John Bond (London), Ltd., 75, Southgate Road, N.1, have recently introduced a new Marking Ink Outfit at the low price of 7½d. This outfit contains a bottle of Marking Ink, sufficient to mark 586 average names, a special pen and holder, and a new self-adjusting linen stretcher, for holding any thickness of material firmly whilst marking.

No household should be without one, as it is an insurance that all linen, children's school outfits, etc., are guaranteed from loss or theft at infinitesimal cost, and can be obtained from all Stationers and Chemists in 6d., 7½d. and 1s. bottles.

WHAT TO READ.

- "History of St. Thomas's Hospital. Vol. 2. Dr. F. G. Parsons, F.R.C.S., F.S.A.
 "Lord Reading and His Cases." Dereck Walker-Smith.
 "The Yeoman's England." Sir William Beach Thomas.
 "Prisoners and Captives." W. O'Sullivan Molony.
 "Crowded Hours." Alice Roosevelt.
 "The Crucifixion of Liberty." A. Kerensky.
 "Superstition Corner." Sheila Kaye-Smith.

COMING EVENTS.

March 16th.—General Nursing Council for England and Wales, 20, Portland Place, W.1. Monthly Meeting. 2.30 p.m.

March 17th.—British College of Nurses, 39, Portland Place, W.1. Meeting of Council. 2.15 p.m.

March 20th.—British College of Nurses, 39, Portland Place, W.1. Special Meeting to explain reasons against Splitting the Preliminary Examination for Probationers, by the General Nursing Council. Nurses cordially welcome to attend by intimating the Secretary. 5 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.

"THANK YOU KINDLY."

Ottawa, Canada.

DEAR EDITOR,

Thank you kindly and with all my heart for your very kind Editorial on page 6, January BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING. It is very good of you. My affectionate regards to you and to all my friends.

HELEN MACMURCHY,

Department of Pensions and National Health.

[We were all delighted in B.J.N. office to offer warm congratulations to Dr. Helen MacMurchy, on the well-deserved honour of C.B.E. bestowed upon her by the King, at New Year. For years she has shown wonderful understanding in her professional relations with Nurses, encouraged their aspirations, and earned their loyal affections in consequence.—Ed.]

THE MIDWIVES' ROLL.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

Central Midwives Board,
 1, Queen Anne's Gate Buildings,
 Westminster, London, S.W.1.

DEAR MADAM.—As you are doubtless aware the Board is empowered, under Section 3 (2) of the Midwives Act, 1926, to address an inquiry by registered letter to any woman whose name is included in the Roll of Midwives at her address as appearing therein whether she has ceased to practise or has changed her address, and if within a period of six months from the sending of such a letter no answer is received thereto, the Board may erase the name of that person from the Roll and may cancel her Certificate.

The Board is exercising the power above-mentioned with the result that a very large number of names are removed from the Roll, but frequently it happens that women whose names have been removed from the Roll under the above-mentioned Section find out that their names have been removed and apply to the Board for their restoration to the Roll.

The Board has power to restore the names to the Roll on such conditions as it may deem proper, and these conditions comprise the payment of a restoration fee of 10s. 6d. and also, in many cases, the undergoing of a further period of approved residential midwifery training extending, in some instances, to as much as six months.

I have been instructed to write to you on this matter, as it is felt that your Body would like to let those midwives in whom it is particularly interested know that they should be careful to keep the Board notified of change of name or address so that the misfortune of having their names removed from the Roll may be avoided.

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