

International Labour Office, depriving nurses of freedom as to hours of night work, proposals having been adopted which would have caused untold suffering to the sick.

THE LEAGUE BUDGET.

In the Fourth Committee of the Assembly M. Laval (France) defended his request for a 10 per cent. reduction in the League Budget. France's annual contribution to the League, he said, was 12,000,000 French francs (£200,000). Great Britain's annual contribution is upwards of £200,000.

The Cuban delegate remarked that his country's contribution was also too high. Professor Rappard (Switzerland) suggested that one way of reducing the Budget would be to fill the places of officials whose contracts expired by others at lower salaries.

Civil servants in France and elsewhere are contrasting their salaries with the 90,000 Swiss francs (£3,600 at par and nearly £6,000 at the present rate of exchange) of the Secretary-general, the 60,000 of the Deputy Secretary-general and the three Under-secretaries, and the 40,000 of other senior League officials, to say nothing of the very high salaries paid to the junior members of the Secretariat. Working women in Great Britain (including nurses) who are compelled to pay high taxes on their modest earnings, are in sympathy with M. Laval's demand for the curtailment of the League Budget.

It is now reported that the Commission of Control of the League has decided to reduce by seven per cent. the contributions of all states members of the League.

The decision, as far as Britain is concerned, will mean a diminution of the annual contribution to the League of about £15,000 at par.

This is indeed right, the salaries of the whole Secretariat are far in advance of those paid by any member Government to analogous workers at home.

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

The King, at a specially called meeting of the Privy Council at Buckingham Palace on October 3rd, gave his formal consent under the Great Seal of England to the marriage of the Duke of Gloucester to Lady Alice Montagu-Douglas-Scott.

The marriage is to take place on November 6th, at Westminster Abbey, and London, of course, will thoroughly enjoy another Royal Wedding.

It is requested that anyone sending wedding presents to either the Duke of Gloucester or Lady Alice Scott will be good enough to address them to St. James's Palace, S.W.1, where it is hoped they will later be on view.

It is good to know that King Leopold of the Belgians has resumed his normal duties, and that he has recovered from his injuries. The world still shares the grief of the dynasty that has made modern Belgium.

A monument to the memory of King Albert was recently unveiled at Antibes. Those who revere great men should read "Albert, King of the Belgians," by Charles D'Ydewalle. It provides a vivid picture of a splendid personality.

"The Princess Elizabeth Gift Book," the first Royal Gift Book since 1926, is published by Messrs. Hodder and Stoughton. Over 100,000 copies have been subscribed for before publication, and it promises to be one of the best sellers of the season.

The entire profits will be given to the funds of "The Princess Elizabeth of York Hospital for Children." It is hoped that as a result of this financial assistance the hospital will be moved from its present situation in Shadwell to the country.

WHEN I GET TIME.

When I get time—
I'll stop this running to and fro,
And go somewhere I've longed to go;
I'll call on friends I'd like to see
And have them out for cakes and tea;
I'll read the books I want to read,
I'll shop for little things I need;
I'll never be neglectful of
The people I most dearly love;
I'll fix that lining in my sleeve,
I'll pick up all loose ends I leave . . .
And since conditions must be faced—
I'll check up on the time I waste
When I get time!

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WHAT TO READ.

BIOGRAPHY AND MEMOIRS.

- "Theatre of Life," Lord Howard.
- "Down The Years," Rt. Hon. Sir Austen Chamberlain
- "The Life of Charles Gore" (Bishop Gore), Dr. G. L. Prestige, D.D.
- "Looking Down The Years," Raymond Blathwayt.
- "The Life and Death of Gino Watkins," J. M. Scott.
- "Anthony Hope and His Books," Sir Charles Mallett.

FICTION.

- "The Inquisitor," Hugh Walpole.
- "Chivalry," Rafael Sabatini.
- "Drury Randall," Mary Johnston.
- "The Whole of the Story," Phyllis Bentley.
- "Millicent's Corner," George A. Birmingham.
- "The Wooden Pillow," Carl Fallas.

HISTORY.

- "Mary Tudor," Beatrice White.
- "Empress Catherine and Princess Dashkov," H. Montgomery Hyde.

TRAVEL.

- "The Voyage of the Chelyuskin," By Members of the Expedition.
- "The Adventures of Sago and Her Beaver People," By Grey Owl.

COMING EVENTS.

October 12th.—Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association. Meeting at Royal British Nurses' Association, 194, Queen's Gate, London, S.W. 2.30 p.m.

October 19th.—British College of Nurses. Meeting of Council. 39, Portland Place, London, W. 2.30 p.m.

October 24th.—National Council of Nurses of Great Britain. Meeting Executive Committee, 39, Portland Place, London, W. 4.15 p.m. Tea (by invitation of the President) 4 p.m.

October 25th.—General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Monthly Meeting, 20, Portland Place, London, W. 2.30 p.m.

NOVEMBER.

November 1st.—British College of Nurses. Opening of Winter Session, 39, Portland Place, London, W. Tea. 4.15 p.m. Address 5 p.m.

November 20th.—National Council of Nurses of Great Britain. Annual Meeting of Grand Council, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President, in the Chair, 39, Portland Place, London, W. 2.30 p.m.

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