

## OUTSIDE THE GATES.

Everyone is hopeful that it will be possible to include both the Abingdon Street and the Parliament Square schemes in a great National Memorial to King George V. To preserve the amenities of Parliament Square and also to add to the beauty of Westminster Abbey are national duties, and we could wish that the representation of women on the Lord Mayor of London's Committee was of a more national character. Only four women are privileged to sit upon this Committee, two of whom we believe are of foreign birth.

The Annual Conference and Representative Council Meeting of the National Council of Women of Great Britain will take place this year at Southport, from 29th June to July 3rd.

Enquiries regarding local arrangements, and tickets 6s. each, should be addressed to the N.C.W. Conference Office, 13, Marlborough Road, Southport.

By a general assembly of Academicians and Associates of the Royal Academy, Dame Laura Knight, D.B.E., A.R.A., has been elected a Royal Academician. She is the first woman to receive this distinction since the foundation of the Academy in 1769, when among the original Academicians were Angelica Kauffmann and Mary Moser.

Her principal picture in this year's Academy is one of the pictures of the year.

In a message to Lord Tweedsmuir, at Ottawa, the King expressed himself as "thrilled with admiration for the heroism displayed by the gallant men who, regardless of risk to their own lives, effected the rescue of Dr. Robertson and Mr. Scadding from the Moose River mine. Please express to them my heartfelt congratulations on the success of their courageous efforts."

The Duke of York has consented to become patron of the sixth International Congress of Physical Medicine, which will be held in London from May 12th to May 16th. He will visit one of the demonstrations of physical culture.

The disorder at Addis Ababa after the flight of the Emperor, had one very sad result. Dr. Melly, in charge of No. 1 Ambulance of the British Red Cross, was shot in the street, in the right lung, by an Abyssinian rioter, on May 3rd, when he stopped his car to pick up a wounded Abyssinian. He was taken to the British Legation at Addis Ababa, where he succumbed to his serious injuries. Throughout the war he proved himself a brave man, and he died a brave man's death.

## LATE NEWS.

### THE LONDON HOSPITAL LEAGUE OF NURSES.

The Annual General Meeting and Dinner of the London Hospital League of Nurses will be held on Saturday, June 27. Further details will be published in our next issue.

### REGISTRATION FOR GRADUATE NURSES IN CHINA

*The Nursing Journal of China*, to hand as we go to press, under the heading "Cause for Rejoicing" reports: "For years the nurses of China have worked and longed for the time to come when we could have Government registration for graduate nurses. That glad day has now arrived. We are delighted to publish in this issue of the *Journal* the new Government regulations for the registration of individual nurses."

We sincerely congratulate the Chinese nurses.

## WHAT TO READ.

### BIOGRAPHY AND MEMOIRS.

- "No. 10 Downing Street," Basil Fuller and John Cornes.
- "The Fool hath Said," Beverley Nichols.
- "Letters from Prison," Ernst Toller.
- "Inside Europe," John Gunther.
- "Born for Trouble," Marguerite Harrison.

### FICTION.

- "Trumpets of Rome," Marjorie Bowen.
- "We the Accused," Ernest Raymond.
- "A Cloak of Monkey Fur," Julian Duguid.
- "Clansmen," Ethel Boileau.
- "Let us Pray," John Gray.
- "America Came My Way," Sir Anthony Jenkinson.
- "Sanfelice," Vincent Sheean.
- "The Trail Driver," Zane Grey.
- "Spring Comes to Miss Lonely Heart," Berta Ruck.

### HISTORY.

- "The Truth about Columbus," Charles Duff.
- "Henry of Navarre," Marcelle Vioux.
- "The Four Georges," Sir Charles Petrie.
- "Lord Palmerston," Herbert C. F. Bell.

## COMING EVENTS.

May 16th.—Florence Nightingale International Foundation. Meeting Committee of Management. St. Thomas's Hospital, London, S.E. 11 a.m.

May 16th.—The British College of Nurses. Council Meeting. 39, Portland Place, London, W. 3 p.m.

May 20th.—Congress Arrangements Committee. Meeting. 39, Portland Place, London, W. 3 p.m.

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

May 23rd.—Annual Meeting of the Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association to be held at High Grove Sanatorium, East Grinstead, Sussex, at 2.30 p.m.

May 28th.—Royal British Nurses' Association. Annual Meeting. 194, Queen's Gate, S.W. 3 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.*

### THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—Mrs. Munson, who wrote "The Story of the *American Journal of Nursing*," and I, are thrilled to find that you felt it worthy of so much space in your magazine for April. We are delighted at the recognition of those pioneers who wrought so unselfishly to establish the magazine on a sound basis. The excerpts show the discriminating judgment that at all times characterises your magazine.

Yours sincerely,

MARY M. ROBERTS,  
Editor.

### IN THE ABSENCE OF THE NURSE.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I was glad to see in the *JOURNAL* this month your comment on a case in which damages were awarded to the father of a small boy, on his own and his son's behalf, for injuries received by the child from falling.

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