

that it will repay careful study. Incidentally, it affords one more illustration of the mentality necessary in those who assume the responsibility of nursing the sick, and though there is an outcry on the part of some in regard to the simple test examination those desiring to enter the nursing profession are required to pass, this can only have the effect of eliminating those whose education does not qualify them to undertake the responsible duties which devolve upon registered nurses.

M. B.

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

The King and Queen will attend the Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall on the evening of Armistice Day, November 11th.

In the great dining hall of Newstead Abbey, Notts, the historic home of the Byrons, the valuable Byron collection bequeathed to the City of Nottingham by the late Mr. Herbert Charles Roe, has been formally handed over to the corporation by his widow in the presence of the Lord Mayor, who paid a tribute to Byron's genius and love of freedom. As a child, we remember when visiting Newstead seeing the desecration of the cloisters in which the then owner had placed *plate glass*!

Scenes of medieval pomp and ceremony marked the celebration of the 400th anniversary of the foundation of St. Mary's College, St. Andrews, on September 28th.

The honorary graduands were presented for their degrees by six different professors, and amongst them was the Hon. Mary Scott, who is the first woman to receive the honorary degree of D.D. from St. Andrew's University.

The Hon. Mary Scott is an honorary missionary of the Church of Scotland since 1905, serving under the Scottish Universities Mission since 1923 in the Native State of Sikkim, North India.

Overheard at the Antique Dealers' Fair at Grosvenor House:—

"The terrorism in China is heartrending—thousands of deaths and refugees—pious disclaimers are no use."

"No, indeed; but think of the destruction of works of art. Humans can be replaced, but not so the genius of past centuries!"

In proposing the toast "Women in Aviation" at the Forum Club recently, Sir Francis Sheldermine, Director-General of Civil Aviation, reviewed women's activities in the air from pre-War days, and said that he had known most of the pioneers.

He believed there was a great future for women in aviation both as pilots and on the ground engineering side.

Miss Amy Johnson, President of the Women's Engineering Society, who was in the chair, asked why it was that more women were not employed in aviation? She said she could not help wondering if the fault did not lie with the women themselves. They should first get the technical efficiency and, having got it, should be sure of themselves, and spend their energies in "putting themselves over." Why should not efficient women be recruited for service in the Royal Air Force.

From Lucknow comes the news that India's first woman Cabinet Minister, Mrs. Vijai Pandit, sister of the Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, President of the Congress Party, has taken the oath of office.

Mrs. Vijai Pandit has been included in the new Congress Ministry accepted by Sir Harry Graham Haig, Governor of the United Provinces. An example our Cabinet might take to heart.

COMING EVENTS.

OCTOBER.

October 12th.—The British College of Nurses, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1. Lecture by Mr. Archer Ryland, F.R.C.S., on "Operation on the Temporal Bone," illustrated by a cinema film and epidioscope. 8 p.m. Tea.

October 12th.—The Committee of the Nurses' Missionary League. At Home. Dedication of new premises by the Lord Bishop of Blackburn. 3.30 p.m. Tea 4 p.m.

October 14th.—Opening by Her Majesty Queen Mary of Riddell House, New Nurses' Home, presented to the Treasurer and Governors of St. Thomas's Hospital by Lady Riddell as a memorial to the late Lord Riddell. 2.45 p.m.

October 15th.—Meeting of Congress Arrangements Committee, I.C.N., 39, Portland Place, London, W.1. 2.30 p.m.

October 22nd.—General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Monthly Meeting, 23, Portland Place, London, W.1. 2.30 p.m.

October 23rd.—The British College of Nurses Council Meeting, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1. 2.30 p.m.

October 29th.—The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain. Meeting of the Executive Committee, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1. 2.30 p.m.

October 30th.—The Matrons' Council of Great Britain. Meeting at Royal British Nurses' Association Club, 194, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7. 3.30 p.m.

NOVEMBER.

November 3rd.—The British College of Nurses, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1. Opening of Winter Session. Tea, 4.15 p.m. Miss M. Breay will prepare a paper, open for discussion, on the subject of "The Economic Relations of Certified Midwives and Registered Nurses under the New Midwives Act." 5 p.m.

November 15th.—League of Fever Nurses. General Meeting, 3 p.m. Tea to Members and friends, 4-5 p.m. Miss C. Warner will give a talk: "When I was a child in the '80's." 5 p.m., at the British College of Nurses, 39, Portland Place, W.1.

WHAT TO READ.

MEMOIRS AND BIOGRAPHY.

- "Oliver Cromwell." Maurice Ashley.
- "Catherine de Medici and the Lost Revolution." Ralph Roeder.
- "The Bravest Soldier." Sir Rollo Gillespie.
- "Great Contemporaries." Churchill.

FICTION.

- "Old London." E. F. Benson.
- "Under the Hog." Patrick Carleton.
- "The Three Hunting Horns." Mary Fitt.
- "The Woman at the Door." Warwick Deeping.
- "Endless Prelude." Vaughan Wilkins.
- "Rotten Borough." Julian Pine.
- "Act of God." Tennyson Jesse.
- "The Lost King." Rafael Sabatini.
- "The Lenient God." Naomi Jacob.

HISTORY.

- "Why Was Lincoln Murdered?" Otto Eisenschimi.

TRAVEL.

- "Thomas Platter's Travels in England, 1599." Clare Williams.

WORD FOR THE MONTH.

- "Though outwardly a gloomy shroud
The inner half of every cloud
Is bright and shining.
I therefore turn my clouds about
And always wear them inside out,
To show the lining."

Ellen Thorneycroft Fowler.

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