

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.

St. James Palace, S.W.1.

DEAR MADAM,

CORONATION OF THEIR MAJESTIES KING GEORGE VI AND QUEEN ELIZABETH.

By gracious permission of His Majesty the King, the Official Coronation Programme is being issued by King George's Jubilee Trust, to whom the whole of the profits will be devoted.

The Programme which will be on sale throughout the country on Wednesday, April 28th, price 1s. (with a de luxe edition at 2s. 6d.), is a publication of historic interest. It will form the unique record of an event of outstanding importance to the Empire.

I feel sure that you will help us to bring the Programme to the notice of the public and we should greatly appreciate any assistance which your influential paper can render both in its editorial and advertising columns.

We are dispatching under separate cover to the department concerned a Bulletin of advertisements suitable for publication overseas, and also we propose from time to time to send editorial announcements. We should like to feel that this scheme has both your encouragement and your good will.—Yours very truly,

J. B. ADAMS,

Secretary, King George's Jubilee Trust.

A SPIRITUAL AWAKENING.

The Editor, in her personal capacity, has received the following letter from Professor George Vaughan, of the Law University of Arkansas. She hopes readers of this JOURNAL may reply to it through its columns.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—A seasoned missionary, E. Stanley Jones, in his "Christ of Every Road" (1930), said: "The world-ground, I am persuaded, is being prepared for a spiritual awakening on a very extensive scale." A similar belief has been recorded by Dr. Albert Buckner Coe, and by other competent observers of divergent faiths. But there are those whose current messages sound as a voice "crying in the wilderness." I am wondering how the spiritual outlook reads to you.

For my part, I have always been an optimist; but the later years of contact with the world, especially with my own (the legal) profession, have revealed symptoms of a discouraging indifference to the things of the spirit. There looms on my horizon a definite drift to lower ideals; and sometimes I feel that this *moral lapse* is the real "depression" that besets the world to-day.

"Watchman, what of the night?" is a question not alone for preachers and priests. The thought of the secular mind, it seems to me, is a weighty factor in a fair appraisal of our moral and spiritual state. Hence it is that I am addressing you and other laymen of elect groups, in an attitude not of idle curiosity but of earnest and friendly inquiry.

Do you see any sound reasons for entertaining the prospect of an early spiritual awakening? Is such a revival desirable? What is your general reaction upon the present moral outlook? May I use your reply, in whole or in part, in a book or magazine article?

I shall really appreciate a frank expression of your views, even though brief, in response to the hungering desire which has prompted this unconventional approach.—Sincerely,

GEO. VAUGHAN,

Professor of Law, University of Arkansas.

THE OLD INVINCIBLES.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—Had not "no speeches" been the order of the day at your eightieth birthday luncheon, I should like to have toasted "The Old Invincibles" surrounding you. Royal British Nurses' Association, State Registration of Nurses, International Council of Nurses, International Educational Memorial to Miss Nightingale, and Professional Nursing Press. Some record.

Thank you for leadership and your supporters for loyalty and getting things done.

ONE WHO HAS AVAILED HERSELF OF PRIVILEGES.

THE VOICE OF THE ELECTORATE.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—May I express satisfaction that Miss Musson, Chairman of the General Nursing Council, has called on her electors to express their opinion on the "Chronic Sick" controversy, I believe for the first time in its 17 years' existence? The result has been decisive and satisfactory from the Registered Nurses' view. I am informed that sooner or later we shall again be threatened with the demolition, as recommended by the *Lancet* Commission, of the One Portal to the Register, as advocated by the majority of the nominated members of the Council. May we, therefore, hope that before we are deprived of this fundamental privilege, Registered Nurses may be given an opportunity by the G.N.C. of expressing their considered opinion?

Yours sincerely,

THE VOTE COVERS ALL.

KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

A Recent Patient.—"What an unmeasured blessing is a good nurse in critical illness. What a danger and anxiety is a bad or careless one. I have recently experienced the former. In my own family, in the case of a child, I have had experience of the latter. It does not bear thinking about, but now this nurse has gone, and is replaced by an efficient and I trust conscientious one. That precious life might so easily have been lost after the child had recovered marvellously after an operation when the doctors gave little hope."

"The International Congress of Nurses is now drawing near, and the omens point to a big attendance, London 1937 will perhaps now equal numerically Montreal when the whole of a great continent was, so to speak, at the doors of the Congress city, but assuredly it will be a great and memorable and most interesting occasion, and by the time it arrives will, I have no doubt, be organised to the last pin. I am looking forward to it with the keenest anticipation."

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PRIZE COMPETITION QUESTION FOR MARCH.

Describe how you would prepare, carry out and clear up after the dressing of an appendix abscess.

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