

## OUTSIDE THE GATES.

### Nurses Pray in the Abbey.

The notice signed by the Dean of Westminster, affixed to the door of the Abbey, inviting the public "to join in a corporate act of prayer at the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior," where a space was railed-off with seats for 200 people, met a real need during the anxious days when peace was in the balance, and day after day the space was well filled by those who placed themselves in God's presence and pleaded for His mercy upon our bewildered and distracted world.

The enclosure was fullest during the lunch hour when those desiring to join in the intercessions overflowed far beyond the railed-off square.

During one day 120 nurses from Westminster Hospital went in little groups, as they came off duty to add their intercessions to those of the general public, and none realise more intensely the horrors of war and the urgent need for a world at peace.

### P.O. Staff Matron Honoured.

On behalf of the King, the Assistant Postmaster-General Sir Walter Womersley, on September 19th, presented the medal of the Order of the British Empire to Miss Kathleen Roche, staff matron at the Post Office Savings Bank, West Kensington.

Sir Walter said that many a patient had been helped on the road to recovery by Miss Roche's sympathy and tact.

### New Type of Prison.

The Howard League for Penal Reform suggest that a new type of prison shall be set up at Brixton to which men who have not been in prison before may be sent while awaiting trial.

The League contends that the remand period should not be used for any purpose but the safe custody of the prisoner, and that untried men who have not had prison experience should not be placed in the company of "old lags." They should be allowed freedom to smoke, to play games and to receive visits from friends untrammelled by the ordinary prison regulations.

### Offence to Patriotism.

Who, we wonder, was responsible for the deplorable blunder of awarding the prize for the Women's A.R.P. poster to a picture of a foreign woman? It is well that a poster depicting a British woman has been hastily substituted.

This reminds us that on the Lord Mayor's Committee for the Memorial to King George V, two out of the three women on the Committee were naturalised British subjects on marriage.

This is the type of offence to patriotism which it is not easy to condone.

### Complete Equality for Turkish Women.

For the first time during the municipal elections which have been taking place in Turkey from October 2nd onwards, Turkish women have had complete equality with men. They had already had access to most careers formerly reserved for men, including Parliament, the bar and the army, but until the present elections they have been debarred from voting at the municipal elections and from filling executive posts in the municipalities. Now, in addition to voting, they will be eligible for all municipal posts, including those of mayor, councillor and alderman.

### Mobilisation of Women in Rumania.

King Carol of Rumania has signed a decree authorising the mobilisation of women in wartime either individually, or in classes, for service according to their capacities.

## WHAT TO READ.

### MEMOIRS AND BIOGRAPHY.

"Journals and Letters of Reginald Viscount Esher, 1916-1930. Vol. IV."

"The Old Century and Seven More Years," Siegfried Sassoon.

"Surgeon Extraordinary," Dr. Loyal Davis.

"Fanny Kemble," Margaret Armstrong.

"Robert Loraine," Winifred Loraine.

"Letters of the Prince Consort, 1831 to 1861."

"I Know these Dictators," G. Ward Price.

"Thus We are Men," Sir Walter Langdon-Brown.

### FICTION.

"Bugles Blow No More," Clifford Dowdey.

"Testament," R. C. Hutchinson.

"The Malice of Men," Warwick Deeping.

"Coming Out," Winifred Peck.

"Vanessa and the Dean," Lewis Gibbs.

"Darkness my Bride," Ethel Mannin.

### POETRY.

"An Unfinished History," John Drinkwater.

### STUDY WITHOUT FAIL.

"A.R.P.," J. B. S. Haldane, F.R.S.

"Mein Kampf," Adolf Hitler.

"The House that Hitler Built," Stephen H. Roberts, M.A.

### "Insanity Fair."

Have you read "Insanity Fair" by Douglas Reed. If not study it at all costs. It is a work of genius by one of the world's leading journalists, who has given us the truth from personal observation and experience, on the European situation and all its vicissitudes. Would that he was a member of our "inner Cabinet"!

## COMING EVENTS.

October 14th - 16th.—National Council of Women of Great Britain. Representative Council Meeting. Conference Hall, Seymour Place, London, W.1.

October 14th.—Presidential Address by the Lady Ruth Balfour, M.B., B.S., followed by presentation of Annual Report, Election Results, Financial Report, Report of Regional Committees, Consideration of Resolutions commenced. 2-4 p.m.

October 22nd.—The British College of Nurses' Monthly Council Meeting. 39, Portland Place, London, W.1. 2.30 p.m.

October 28th.—General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Monthly Meeting. 23, Portland Place, London, W.1. 2.30 p.m.

October 28th.—Incorporated Association of Hospital Officers, Annual conference, Westminster Hospital Medical School, London, S.W. A discussion on "The Nurse—her place in the Voluntary Hospital System." Opening speakers, Miss M. G. Milne, Lady Superintendent of Nurses, Leeds General Infirmary, and Mr. A. G. E. Sanctuary, F.N.O.A., Administrator, Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford. Chairman, Sir Stanley Woodwark, M.D. 10 a.m.

### NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

October 17th.—Meeting of Executive Committee. 39, Portland Place, London, W.1. 2.30 p.m. Tea by invitation of the President.

November 9th.—Annual Meeting of Grand Council 39, Portland Place. Signature by Delegates, 2 p.m.-2.30 p.m. Meeting, 2.30 p.m. Tea.

November 10th.—Nursing Conference on 'Questions of Interest to the Nursing Profession. Caxton Hall, Westminster, London, S.W. 10.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. Address on "Insulin Therapy in Mental Disorders," by Dr. G. W. B. James, M.C., M.D., B.S., D.P.M. 8 p.m.

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