

members and officers of education committees, medical officers of health, school medical officers and others, the Royal Sanitary Institute has arranged a conference on child guidance to take place at its headquarters, 90, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1, on Thursday, November 17th, 1938, at 2.30 p.m.

The Chair will be taken by Sir Henry Brackenbury, M.D., LL.D., and a discussion on "What can Local Authorities do for the Maladjusted Child?" will be opened by Dr. C. L. C. Burns, Special School Medical Officer and Director of Child Guidance, Birmingham.

Woman's Fair at Olympia.

The Woman's Fair at Olympia which opened on November 2nd and will run until November 26th is well worth a visit. It is the first Exhibition ever organised to present every possible interest of women on a lavish scale. The organisers have built upon the foundation of the seven main interests of women—the home, children, food, fashion, beauty, careers, and leisure.

Of special interest to nurses will be the "Mother's House" which provides complete pre-natal, maternity and post-natal services, and Queen Charlotte's Hospital actively co-operated in the preparation of the plans with the architect, Mr. E. Stanley Hull, F.R.I.B.A.

The Health and Cleanliness Kitchen is the most up to date in cleanliness and labour saving yet shown to the public. There is a new electric drying cupboard, ideal for drying wet coats as well as laundry, it makes an excellent airing cupboard when not otherwise in use.

Joan of Arc Wearing Chains.

A new statue of Joan of Arc has been unveiled in the Church of St. Ouen at Rouen. Designed by M. Maxime Real de Sarte, it shows Joan of Arc dressed in a long robe and wearing chains. She is holding a document which she has just signed—her forced recantation of her claim that her actions had been dictated by voices from God.

1,804 ALIENS NATURALISED.

Aliens granted certificates of naturalisation by the Home Office during 1937 totalled 1,804, states the annual return recently published.

Chief countries of origin were Italy (145), Germany (137), and Russia (123). There were 172 admissions from Arabia (Yemen), and 123 from Arabia (miscellaneous).

BRIGHT IDEA FOR A HOSPITAL.

Until a few days ago the out-patients' waiting room of the Hospital for Women, Soho Square, was a drab and depressing place. It looked as though it might have been designed to lower the spirits of the most determinedly cheerful patient. For in these days cleanliness is the greatest luxury most hospitals know, and they cannot afford to spend precious money on interior decoration, however uplifting the general effect might be.

But somebody had a bright idea about the Hospital for Women, and to-day (November 2nd), at an informal tea-party, the Marchioness of Lansdowne, Lady Katherine Bigham, and other distinguished Committee members, watched nurses hanging the walls of the out-patients' waiting room with lovely modern pictures. Also present were Miss W. A. Ward, a director of Picture Hire, Ltd., who have generously lent the pictures for an indefinite period, and Mr. Peter Stebbing, the artist, some of whose works are included.

A young interior decorator gave some free advice on the re-arrangement of the furniture, and the out-patients' waiting-room, formerly a place of gloom, has been transformed into a cheerful and attractive room by the exercise of good will alone.

WHAT TO READ.

BIOGRAPHY AND MEMOIRS.

"Prince Metternich in Love and War." Frederick de Reichenberg.

"D. H. Lawrence." Hugh Kingsmill.

"Two Englishwomen in Rome 1871-1900." Matilda Lucas.

"My Life of Music." Sir Henry Wood.

"Turner the Painter." Bernard Falk.

"Mysteries of Sex." C. J. S. Thompson.

FICTION.

"The Bridegroom Cometh." Waldo Frank.

"Gone To-morrow." Kenneth Dix.

"The Plain Woman." Violet Campbell.

"Going Their Own Ways." Alec Waugh.

"There's No Going Back." James E. Edgar.

"The Squire." Enid Bagnold.

TRAVEL.

"In Czechoslovakia's Hinterland." Henry Baerlein.

"Provence." Ford Madox Ford.

POETRY.

Helen Foley's Poems.

COMING EVENTS.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

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., B.S., D.P.M. 8 p.m.

November 16th.—League of Fever Nurses. General meeting 3 p.m. Tea to members and friends, 4-4.45 p.m. Lecture by Miss Hilda Pocock, S.R.N., M.R.I.P.H.H., at the British College of Nurses, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1. 4.45 p.m.

November 19th.—The British College of Nurses Council Meeting, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1. 2.30 p.m.

November 25th.—General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Monthly Meeting. 23, Portland Place, London, W.1. 2.30 p.m.

November 25th.—General Nursing Council for Scotland. Next Meeting. 5, Darnaway Street, Edinburgh.

DECEMBER.

December 7th.—Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service At Home. Grosvenor House, Park Lane (Ball Room Entrance), 3.30 to 6.30 p.m.

A WORD FOR THE MONTH.

From a broadcast address to the United States from Lord Halifax, Foreign Secretary.

"We are not less alive than you to the fact that no true peace can exist until the nations are agreed that law and not force shall rule the world. We know well enough that peace will not come just by waiting for it, for peace is something more than the mere absence of destructive war.

"It may be that the peace we all desire will only come through sacrifices, freely flowing from a spirit of determination and from a quality of national resolution not less strong than those by which a nation is inspired in war.

"For countries like yours and mine, which have been so favoured in the past by history and circumstance, there is a heavy responsibility to use all our energy to guide our fellow men towards a future which may serve us all. If, recognising the high stakes for which we play, we may all win such a peace of understanding between nations, we shall indeed have set a crown on man's achievement."

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