

WOMEN FOR WESTMINSTER.

There has been considerable activity in the past month centering round the National Labour Conference, and two Women's Labour Conferences in London, and preparations are being made to take advantage of the National Liberal Conference. The aim is to stimulate active women within these Parties to prepare lists of able and energetic women in order that there may be many women candidates when an election shall take place. The Conservative women, also are organising actively. A number of young women have decided that they must study machinery of Government and allied subjects and the lectures have been well attended.

The arrangements for the month of July are as follows:—

Thursday, July 2nd.—At Headquarters, 14, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. Mrs. Freda Corbet, L.C.C. 6.30 p.m. "Round Table on Social Services."

Wednesday, July 15th.—16, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.1. Rudolph Dunbar. 6.30 p.m. "The Empire and the Colour Bar."

Thursday, July 16th.—Viscountess Davidson, O.B.E., M.P., at 16, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.1. 6.30 p.m. "Women in Public Life."

Thursday, July 23rd.—16, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.1. 6.30 p.m. Miss Joan Vickers, L.C.C. "Acts of Parliament and Local Government."

Thursday, July 30th.—14, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. 6.30 p.m. "All About Elections," by an Agent.

WHAT TO READ.

MEMOIRS AND BIOGRAPHY.

"Virginia Woolf." E. M. Forster.

"Soong Sisters." The three leading women of China. Emily Hahn.

"The Life and Times of Sir Robert Peel." Sir Tresham Lever.

FICTION.

"Peculiar Triumph." D. C. F. Harding.

"Mrs. Appleyard's Year." Louise Andrews Kent.

"Farmer's Girl." Elizabeth M. Harland.

"House in the Dust." Doris Leslie.

"Wild is the River." Louis Bromfield.

"Grig." H. B. Creswell.

"Spelove in Arcady." William McFee.

"The Moon is Down." John Steinbeck.

MISCELLANEOUS.

"English Domestic Life During the Last 200 Years." L. A. G. Strong.

"Nepal, Land of Mystery." Hassoldt Davis.

"The Germans." Emil Ludwig.

"The Kremlin and the People." Duranty.

"So Few." The Immortal Record of the R.A.F. David Masters.

"From the Land of Silent People." Experiences in Yugoslavia, Greece and Crete. Robert St. John.

"All Our To-morrows." Douglas Reed.

"A Short History of Russia." Laurence Wolfe.

"And Hell Followed." Odette Keun.

WE SET OUR TEETH.

But I think that when things are as bad as ever they can be you cease to mind them much. You set your teeth and battle with the Fates.—GERTRUDE BELL.

KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

Sow the Seed.

Matron of Maternity Home writes: "Will you kindly send me about six copies of the leaflet 'Reasons Why the R.B.N.A. opposes the extension of the powers of the Nurses' Registration Act to give recognition by the State to partially qualified nurses,' and also two more copies of this month's BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING. I should also like to say how very much in favour I am of all Miss Gladys Hardy's writings in the Press, etc., and I was very delighted to know she has been elected to the Council of the British College of Nurses."

[If every reader of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING will study and distribute copies of the R.B.N.A. leaflet, we feel sure Registered Nurses who are not encouraged to realise their professional responsibility will see how necessary it is that they should do so.—ED.]

Slovenly Battle Dress.

Miss Eva J. Herring writes: "We are surrounded here by Commandos in training, and our 'blitzed' streets and houses are used by them to learn street and house fighting. To see these men swarming and climbing about over roofs and over places that seem impossible to scale, convinces one that the 'battle dress' is the only possible uniform for such work, giving all freedom of movement necessary, with no buttons and patch pockets to be torn and wrenched off.

"Late in the evening at twilight we see these men going very quietly along in rubber plimsolls, and in the morning we know that we shall hear by wireless and read in the paper of another raid on the French coast by Commandos."

[Old-fashioned people visualise soldiers always "in the pink," and have not yet realised that modern war must be carried on with the utmost agility and freedom of action, also that "uniform" must be adjusted to climate. When we were young the gorgeous Lifeguardman trussed in scarlet, charged so much an hour on Sunday to the pretty maids tipty-toeing alongside hanging on his arm!—ED.]

Our National Flag.

Secretarial Nurse writes: "We have enjoyed a Nation's Flag Day, and at no shop (and I tried six) could I buy a little Union Jack to wear. Why not? All sorts of rubbish is for sale."

[We can endorse this statement, we have failed to buy a little Union Jack, either in shops or on bookstalls, and have been sniffed at for our pains.—ED.]

COMFORTS FOR GREEK FIGHTING FORCES.

We are invited to insert the following notice:—

Those wishing to knit for the Greek fighting forces are asked to apply by letter or in person on any day between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. to Mrs. Constantinidi, hon. secretary, Receiving Committee for Comforts for the Greek Fighting Forces, 34, Hyde Park Square, W.2 (Telephone: Paddington 7453), who will be pleased to supply the wool and instructions.

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PRIZE COMPETITION QUESTION FOR AUGUST,

What do you understand by—(a) puerperal pyrexia, and (b) puerperal sepsis?

What are the main causes of each condition?

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