

## WOMEN FOR WESTMINSTER.

Meetings and Conferences are being organised in London and the Provinces—Lancashire is stirring, Blackpool, Manchester and Liverpool hold Conferences this month. In London Miss Josephy will speak on Friday, December 18th, at 16, Queen Anne's Gate, at 6.30 p.m., on "Electioneering and Nursing a Country Constituency." If women would adopt the policy advocated by Douglas Reed they would deserve to sweep the country. Let them boldly advocate "no jobbery." The country is awakening to the fact that some seats are for sale—and no cash means exclusion from the House of Commons. We have no hesitation in advancing the opinion that had recent Governments been more patriotic this war would never have taken place on the gigantic scale by which it has ravaged the world. As women have the vote, they are equally to blame with men for apathetic ignorance and the world's disaster.

## A DEMAND FOR JUSTICE.

The Women's Publicity Planning Association are holding a Meeting on Saturday, December 19th, at Caxton Hall, Westminster, at 3 p.m., to determine upon militant action to gain equal compensation for women with men. That there can be a difference of opinion on this question of fundamental justice is amazing.

## ONE MAN BRAINS TRUST.

The most interesting feature in the *Strand* is the "One Man's Brain Trust," conducted by Douglas Reed, the prophet of this devastating war, author of "All Your To-morrows," to whom, of course, our Government turned a deaf ear.

In a recent issue of the *Strand* a reader invited a reply to the following question:—

What special qualifications do you consider an M.P. should have?

*Reply:* Only one! A sworn statement made before a notary and posted in the market place of his constituency, that (1) he has made no payment to any political Party (candidates to-day sometimes pay heavily for a seat, and this is corruption); (2) that he will accept no paid office from the Government other than that of Cabinet Minister; (3) that he will accept no title.

This would effect something very rare—honest representation.

Why should not this honourable course be enforced amongst the reforms politicians are so busily planning?

## WHAT TO READ.

## MEMOIRS AND BIOGRAPHY.

- "Eleanor Roosevelt. The Lady of the White House." Eleanor Roosevelt tells her own story.
- "From Many Angles." An autobiography. Major-General the Rt. Hon. Sir Frederick Sykes.
- "Letters of J. M. Barrie." Viola Meynell.
- "Khaki and Gown." An autobiography by Field-Marshal Lord Birdwood.

## FICTION.

- "Darkness Falls from the Air." Nigel Balchin.
- "Sammy Comes to Stay." Ann Delamain.
- "Ellen Rogers." James T. Farrell.
- "Meadowsweet." Oliver Sandys.
- "Ayah." Parr Cooper.
- "Thrice Judas." Frances Grierson.
- "Emily in Arlington Street." Henrietta Leslie.
- "Balance Suspended." Nina Abbott.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

- "You Can't do Business with Hitler." Douglas Miller.
- "Salute the Soviet." Mrs. Cecil Chesterton.

## 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.*

## GREETINGS FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

SOUTH AFRICAN TRAINED NURSES' ASSOCIATION,  
CAPE TOWN, S. AFRICA.

November 11th, 1942.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK,—In the absence of the new Organising Secretary, Miss S. M. Cribb, on tour, I am sending you on her behalf and on behalf of this Association, our warm Christmas Greetings and sincerest good wishes for Christmas and the coming year.

We most sincerely hope that it will be fraught with fulfilled hopes, as we know that under your wonderful leadership it will continue with unremitting effort for the advancement of nursing in its service to the people.

May God be with you at all times.

With affectionate remembrance,

Yours sincerely,

H. C. HORWOOD,

Editor, *S.A. Nursing Journal*.

p.p. S. M. Cribb, Organising Secretary, S.A.T.N.A..

## "SUMMERHAYES,"

NORTON FITZWARREN,  
TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

30th November, 1942.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR EDITOR,—I was delighted to see in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, November, that the Rotherham Nurses' house in the village of Willingham was accepted for the use of the village nurse, also Miss Munro's house for the Queen's Institute of District Nurses.

My late husband left this house at my request to the Somerset County Nursing Association for the Norton Fitzwarren nurse at my death.

Two years after his death I was at a committee meeting, I was not sent an agenda, and in reading the letters, the Treasurer stated, "The Summerhayes Trust. The house is to be sold within six months of the death of the widow. Will you kindly make a note of this in your minutes to advise me in order that the Trustees of the S.C.N.A. may take the necessary action in this connection?" Needless to say how horrified I was as my husband had let me tell the architect what I wanted.

Yours very sincerely,

B. SUMMERHAYES.

[We sympathise with Mrs. Summerhayes's disappointment, as she always hoped that, after her death, the district nurse would be located in her charming house.—ED.]

## KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

## Home Helps, Domestic Workers—Legal Status not required.

*Member of B.C.N.* writes: "May I ask 'A Would Be Home Help' not to delude herself. I have carefully studied the report of the Royal College of Nursing on the Assistant Nurse. It is proposed that there should be three classes of Registered Nurses: (1) trained and examined as at present; (2) practising nurses, those with a year's training and experience, who did not register in the time of grace 20 years ago; and assistant nurses who may have no qualifications whatever. Alas! to attempt to escape-

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