

LET US FOLLOW THE INSPIRATION OF GENIUS.

We feel sure that there are thousands of nurses who would rejoice to read Mr. Churchill's speech—one of the most rousing of his long career—which he recently delivered at the Conservative Conference in Blackpool, and will hail his decision, to stand, as he always did, with undaunted determination, to serve not only his country, but the world, in the cause of lasting peace.

Instead of retiring from public life and resting on his laurels, he has chosen to apply all his strength and genius to do what he can to avert the grave dangers ahead, not foreseen by many, but apparent to a great statesman. Like a clarion call, his declaration inspires confidence and action. "I feel," he said, "that the situation is so serious, and what may have to come so grave, that I am resolved to go forward carrying the flag so long as I have the necessary strength and energy."

Original and ever versatile Mr. Churchill's vision in the cause of abiding peace and the common good is beyond party politics, as his unrivalled oratory cheers and heartens the people of many lands, who acclaim him! When he visualised at Zurich, *A United States of Europe*, "Why should we not also have a United States of Europe, in the fairest of all continents, with a temperate climate and fertile soil, near where the parent races of the modern Western World dwelt? Why should this continent be torn and mangled and depend for protection and succour upon the generosity and chivalry of other lands less blessed by nature than Europe and endowed by history in the past?" he said.

"Let Europe arise! Let there be friendship among peoples! Let the bitter feuds and quarrels of the past pass away. We cannot afford to go on dragging these long chains of vengeance and hatred behind. Justice must be done; punishment must be inflicted upon those judged guilty; but when that is done the peoples of Europe must look forward and not back.

RECIPE FOR PEACE.

"Europe united would gain immeasurable blessings. All that had to be done was that one fine morning 250,000,000 people should waken up and say together, 'we wish to be free and prosperous and we will only give our votes to political parties, however they may be called, which will vote for a United States of Europe.'

We would find a great addition to the wealth of the world and to the peace and security of mankind. Those terrible quarrels would have come to an end and the unity of Europe would be the strongest factor in the great world united organisation upon which we fixed our hopes and dearest wishes." And the people of Zurich went away dreaming of that "one fine morning."

Nurses are busy people, nevertheless all those of age are enfranchised, and in gratitude for all Mr. Churchill has done they should study and do all in their power to further the ideals of his declared objectives for the common good.

Let nothing diminish our gratitude for his inspired leadership, which in our darkest hour saved the freedom of the world and brought us safely through the greatest war in history to victory!

NURSING ECHOES.

On September 25th, Her Majesty Queen Mary declared open the new Marie Curie Hospital at 66, Fitzjohns Avenue, London, N.W., in place of the former building, destroyed by enemy action, which did such magnificent work in the treatment of women suffering from cancer and allied diseases—that of radium treatment—and which was founded by the Cancer Research Committee of the London Association of the Medical Women's Federation and officered by medical women.

It gives us sincere satisfaction to know that this great work will continue for the benefit of sufferers from this disease, and we trust that the efforts of these tireless workers will be crowned with success.

We learn from *The Times* that Queen Mary's Coronation Holiday Home at Barn House, Whitstable, which was founded and endowed by Queen Mary in 1911, had to be closed during the war, and it has been decided, with her Majesty's approval, not to reopen the home.

The endowment funds and the proceeds of the sale of Barn House have, by the desire of her Majesty, been placed at the disposal of Queen Mary's House Fund, to enable them to purchase, equip, and endow a property at St. Leonards-on-Sea as a second house for retired members of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, on the same lines as Queen Mary's House at Fleet, Hampshire, which was established for that purpose in 1932.

Nurses at Charing Cross Hospital, London, are very proud to receive in their Training School three of the students sent over by the Government of India for nurse training, so that they may return to India equipped to be leaders of their profession. They entered the Preliminary Training School in July, and were later graciously received at Buckingham Palace by Her Majesty the Queen.

The Queen's Institute of District Nursing is sending six nurses to Malta to establish a District Nursing Association there.

They will train Maltese girls, and in time it is hoped to cover the whole of the Island with a nursing service. The Island's infant mortality rate is very high at present, so it is hoped that the knowledge taken into the Maltese homes will have a beneficial effect in this respect, as well as on the general health of the population there.

We are pleased to be able to announce that after much discussion and conference, the Examinations of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association are being handed over to the General Nursing Council.

Candidates must not be accepted for training for the Royal Medico-Psychological Association Examinations in Mental Nursing or Mental Deficiency Nursing after December 31st, 1946. The Examinations of that Association will continue as usual until:—Last Preliminary Examination, November, 1949; Last Final Examination, November, 1951.

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