

### Notice.

We have much pleasure in acknowledging five shillings from M. B. for our fund for assisting the sufferers from plague in India. Our correspondent writes:—"I heartily wish I could send you more, but hope others will come forward and do each her little best." We heartily endorse this wish.

### Comments and Replies.

*Miss P., Leeds.*—You might possibly be accepted by a Cottage Hospital, but your age would certainly be a barrier to your being admitted as a probationer by any ordinary training school. Unless the circumstances are very exceptional, it is not, we think, advisable to attempt to enter the nursing profession if you are much over thirty-five. You would find much of the work you would have to perform very hard, and further you would not bring to it the vigour and enthusiasm of youth, which are such important factors in success. Added to these drawbacks is the important one that it is very difficult to obtain any nursing appointment when you are past forty years of age.

*M.R.B.N.A., London.*—We are much obliged for your kind letter. We are well aware that we are engaged in an uphill fight, and are well content to fight on. All the same an expression of appreciation of our efforts on the part of those for whom they are made is an encouragement by the way.

*Mrs. M. T., Surbiton.*—The full programme will be published shortly in the NURSING RECORD.

*Clara, York.*—The position which we have adopted with regard to the admission of asylum attendants to the register of trained nurses is, in our opinion, the only tenable one. We have no desire to depreciate the work of asylum atten-

dants, which is responsible and arduous, and deserving of all consideration. What we do hold is that if asylum attendants desire to be admitted to the register of trained nurses they should do so by obtaining the experience which qualifies for registration. To admit asylum attendants on any other terms would involve ultimately the registration of all specialists.

*Hygiene.*—Consult your doctor.

*Miss H. D., Canary.*—We can speak to the value of humanized milk from practical experience, as our own little son threw upon it when nothing else suited him. Many nurses also bear witness to its excellence.

*Country Cousin.*—There is no lack of private nursing homes in London to choose from. You will probably have to pay about £7 7s. a week. We advise you to make inquiries as to whether the head of the home is a trained nurse before entering one, as you should not enter one conducted on any other principle.

*Nurse P., Tooting.*—You ought to have no difficulty in finding what you want at the price you mention. Read "Novelties for Nurses" in the NURSING RECORD for April 2nd.

*A Constant Reader.*—The pericardium is a fibro-serous double membrane which surrounds the heart. Peri means around, as periosteum, the membrane which surrounds the bones; perichondrium, the membrane which covers the surface of cartilage. The termination *itis* signifies inflammation, as pericarditis, inflammation of the pericardium; periostitis inflammation of the periosteum; bronchitis, inflammation of the bronchi; laryngitis, inflammation of the larynx, and so on. If you have even an elementary knowledge of Latin you will often find this of great assistance to you.

*Nurse P., Manchester.*—We should advise you to make very careful inquiries as to the appointment you mention, before accepting it. You cannot be too particular with regard to appointments abroad.

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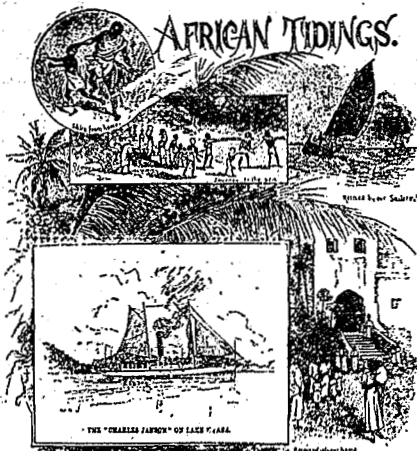
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