

WHAT TO READ.

The Statesmen Series: "Mr. Gladstone. A Study from Life." By Henry W. Lucy.

"Gladstone the Man. A Non-Political Biography." By David Williamson.

"Five Years in Siam." By H. Warrington Smyth.

"The Romance of a Regiment. Being the True and Diverting Story of the Giant Grenadiers of Potsdam; how they were caught and held in Captivity, 1713-1740." By J. R. Hutchinson, B.A.

"A Champion in the Seventies." By Edith A. Barnett.

"The Soul of Honour. A Story of To-day." By Hesba Stretton.

"The Looms of Time." By Mrs. Hugh Fraser.

"The White-Headed Boy." By George Bartram.

"Sophie Arnould, Actress and Wit." By Adolphe Lalouze. Translated by Robert B. Douglas.

Coming Events.

June 1st.—The Duke of Cambridge will open the joint Isolation Hospital for Richmond and Heston-Isleworth.

June 3rd.—Day of Rest in the Country for Hospital Nurses at Hertingfordbury, with three short addresses, in the parish church. Information may be obtained from the Rev. A. B. Locke, St. George's Hospital, W., and Canon Burnside, Rector, Hertingfordbury, Hertford.

June 9th.—Concert at Stafford House in aid of the South London District Nursing Association, 3.30.

June 15th & 16th.—First Annual Conference of the Matrons' Council at the Medical Society's Rooms, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square. Morning Session, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Afternoon Session 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission to members free. To non-subscribers, 3/- for the whole Conference, or 1/- for each session. Tickets may be obtained from Miss Breay, 46, York Street, Portman Square, W.

PROGRAMME, JUNE 15th.

MORNING SESSION.

11 a.m.—Opening of Conference, and short address of welcome by Miss Isla Stewart, Matron of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Chairman of the Council.

PAPERS:—

1.—"The Matron's Duty to her Profession." By Miss Mollett, Matron of the Royal South Hants Infirmary.

2.—"Home Hospitals." By Miss Elinor Pell-Smith, Lady Superintendent, Home Hospital, Leicester.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

PAPER:—"The Training of Male Nurses." By Miss M. Greenhough Smith, late Matron Royal Infirmary, Bristol.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:—

1.—"Is the formation of a National Corps of Nurses for active service in foreign wars desirable?" A Member of the Council.

2.—"Do institutions, supported on charity, undersell the private nurse?" Sister Beatrix Farnsworth, R.N.S.

3.—"Cycling for Private Nurses." A Member of the Council.

JUNE 16th.

MORNING SESSION.

PAPERS:—

1.—"Specialism in Nursing." By Miss H. Poole, Matron of the East Lancashire Infirmary, Blackburn.

2.—"The Nursing of the Middle Classes." By Miss M. Breay, Hon. Secretary, Matrons' Council.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

PAPER:—"A Practical Standard of Nursing." By Mrs. Bedford Fenwick.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:—

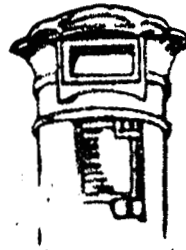
1.—"The need of Sanitary Knowledge for Nurses." Miss Alice Wadmore (late Lecturer to the London School Board for Hygiene in Finsbury), Associate Sanitary Institute.

2.—"Would the formation of a Poor Law Nursing Service, under Government, facilitate efficient Nursing in Workhouse Infirmaries?" A Member of the Council.

3.—"How to meet the increasing difficulty experienced by Matrons of Hospitals of under forty beds, in procuring Probationers." Miss Georgina Scott, late Matron, Sussex County Hospital.

RESOLUTION BY MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK:—

"That a cordial invitation be extended by the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland to the Honorary Members of the Society, to attend the Quinquennial Meeting of the International Council of Women, to be held in London in the summer of 1899, and that hospitality be offered to these ladies for the Conference Week."



Letters to the Editor.

NOTES, QUERIES, &c.

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.

NURSING THE WOUNDED.

War Department, Surgeon General's Office,
Washington, April 25, 1898.

To the Editor of "Nursing Record."

MADAM,—The number of physicians who have offered their services to the Government now exceeds 1,500, and every mail brings numerous additions to the list.

The Surgeon General highly appreciates the patriotic motives which have induced this offer of services—in many instances by men prominent in the profession and enjoying a lucrative practice—but the labour of answering these numerous letters interferes with the necessary work of the office, which has been *greatly* increased by the exigencies connected with equipping the Regular and Volunteer Armies for field service. It therefore becomes necessary to acknowledge letters offering service and inquiries relating to the Medical Department by this circular letter.

No appointments are made in the Regular Army except after examination by an Army Medical Examining Board, and all applicants must be graduates in medicine and less than 29 years of age.

The Surgeon General of the Army has nothing to do with the appointment of medical officers for the Volunteer Army.

Comparatively few Contract Surgeons (Acting Assistant Surgeons) are likely to be required, and it is the intention to employ for service with troops going to Cuba or at hospitals on the Gulf Coast, only such as are immune to yellow fever.

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