

Time.

Time is a great Destroyer—all have told,
Or else *may* tell (such is the fate of all!)
Of hearts that neath his touch have waxen cold
Of blossoms that his winds have made to fall!

Time is a great Physician—he can heal
The wounds that others strive to bind in vain;
He can remove the poison'd barb of steel,
And only leave the memory of Pain!

Time is a Conqueror—and his magic wand
Can crush the gate which Cæsar smote in vain;
Behold, around the traces of his hand,
A mighty city crumbling on the plain!

Time is Immortal—he will ever fly,
As he *has* flown thro' centuries of light;
Waste not his hours, for, reader, you and I
Have not a moment to observe his flight!

—From "Dawn to Noon," by Violet Fane.

WHAT TO READ.

"Songs of Action." By Conan Doyle.

"The Wonderful Century; its Successes and Failures." By Alfred Russel Wallace.

"The Beginnings of An Australian Literature." By Martin A. Patchett.

"Unforseen Tendencies of Democracy." By Edwin Lawrence Godkin.

"Collections and Recollections." By G. W. E. Russell.

"Travels and Life in Ashanti and Japan." By R. A. Freeman.

"Pioneering in Formosa." By W. A. Pickering.

"Helbeck of Bannisdale." By Mrs. Humphry Ward.

"Silence, and other Stories." By Mary E. Wilkins, Author of "A New England Nun," "Jerome," &c.

Coming Events.

June 17th.—Mr. W. F. D. Smith presides at the Festival of the Royal Eye Hospital, Whitehall Rooms, 7.

June 21st.—The Prince of Wales lays the foundation-stone of the new buildings at University College Hospital.

The Duchess of Connaught opens a bazaar, at 12, Hyde Park Gardens, in aid of the Hospital for Incurables and other Sick Children of the Poor, St. Leonard's Square, Shoreditch.

June 21st and 22nd.—Sale of Work for the London Homeopathic Hospital. Great Ormond Street, at 36, Queen's Square (one door from the Hospital), 11 a.m. till 8 p.m.

June 22nd.—Women's Liberal Federation. Annual Meeting at St. James's Hall, Piccadilly. Lady Trevelyan in the chair, 8 p.m.

June 23rd.—Concert in aid of the widows and orphans left destitute by the recent famine and plague in India, St. James's Hall, 3.

June 28th.—The Princess of Wales opens a two-days' bazaar in aid of the London Hospital, at the Hotel Cecil.

The Duchess of Newcastle's concert in aid of the Victoria House for Invalid Children, at Margate.



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.

WORKHOUSE NURSE TRAINING.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

MADAM,—May I be allowed a brief space in your excellent paper to draw attention to a matter of, as I think, great importance, viz., the training of nurses for workhouse nursing?

I think it must be apparent to anyone that a great change is coming over the system of nursing in Workhouses, and though the Board of Guardians in this town, upon which I have now sat for some time, anticipated the recent circular of the Local Government Board upon this question by some years, I fear there are many Boards who have not yet reached even our standard.

It seems to me that no one should be employed as a nurse, *even in a Workhouse Infirmary*, without some training and some kind of certificate.

The requirements of the Local Government Board are now such, at least for the Superintendent Nurse, that a small portion of those who are willing and capable of becoming nurses are likely to attain—the difficulty, and expense being great. Besides this, it must be remembered that only a part of those trained, as the Local Government Board require, are capable of becoming Superintendent Nurses, other qualifications than ability to properly nurse a case being requisite. What I suggest, therefore, is that in Workhouse Infirmarys there should be Probationers, who could obtain from the Metropolitan Asylums and Boards of Guardians such certificates after a period of two or three years' training, as should show them to be qualified to act as Charge Nurses; of course, such as desired the other qualifications needed, could thus pass, say another year, in superior training, so as to secure the certificates now required by the Local Government Board in respect to Superintendent Nurses.

The Local Government Board could arrange such a suitable course of study and instruction by workhouse medical officers as should enable Probationers to secure the first certificate, and this would make the

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