

flaunt itself. He is incapable of lifting a finger. If the moral Mr. Sturgis intends to draw is that well-intentioned weakness can do more harm than blatant vice, he has proved his point as far as fiction can prove any point. One pities poor Saintry throughout, but the pity is, even from the first, largely charged with contempt. The writing abounds in fine touches; we cannot resist quoting two or three.

"I can no more be myself with certain people than I can write my own hand on paper I dislike."

"If sacred art depicted the mother of the one sinless son with seven swords in her heart, what symbol can adequately depict the woes of the mothers of men?"

"She had that curious instinctive taste in gardens and houses which so many of her countrywomen combine with an utter absence of the æsthetic sense in all that concerns the fine arts or their personal enjoyment."

"Lady Eccleston, indeed, was almost distressingly tactful on the subject, going round it on elaborate tiptoe, as some people go about a death chamber."

G. M. R.

What to Read.

"The French Noblesse of the XVIII. Century." Translated by Mrs. Colquhoun Grant from "Les Souvenirs de la Marquise de Crequy," 1834.

"Lucrezia Borgia, According to Original Documents and Correspondence of her Day." By Ferdinand Gregorovius. Translated from the third German edition by John Leslie Garner.

Coming Events.

June 6th.—English Nurses entertain American Nurses. Luncheon, by kind invitation of Miss Debenham, St. Andrew's House, 2 p.m.

Reception by Committee in the Caernarvon Room, 7.30 p.m., for Dinner at 8 in the Victoria Room, Criterion Restaurant. The London Concert Trio will discourse sweet music. Miss Isla Stewart in the chair.

Annual Meeting Royal British Nurses' Association, Imperial Institute, South Kensington, 4.30 p.m.

June 8th.—Princess Henry of Battenberg attends Annual Meeting of the Colonial Nursing Association, Sunderland House, Curzon St., W., Earl Grey presiding.

June 9th.—Nursing Delegates leave Victoria Station, 9.28 a.m., en route for Berlin.

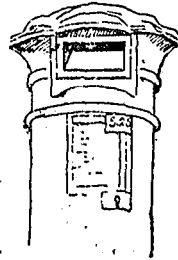
[Miss Mollett hopes that all the members of her party will be at Victoria Station, on Thursday, June 9th, not later than 8.45 a.m., where they will recognise those organising the departure by the red ribbon bow they will be wearing.]

June 12th.—Hospital Sunday.

June 13th to 18th.—Opening of the International Congress of Women in the Philharmonic, Bernburger Strasse, Berlin, 10.30 a.m. Frau Marie Stritt, President.

June 16th.—Nursing Session—Opening Paper, "Trained Nursing as a Profession for Women, from an Educational, Economic, and Social Aspect," Mrs. Bedford Fenwick.

June 17th.—Meeting of the International Council of Nurses in the Victoria Lyceum, Potsdamer Strasse, Berlin, 10 a.m.



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.

A JUSTIFIABLE RESOLUTION.

To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."

DEAR MADAM,—I am sending herewith a copy of a resolution which I have forwarded to the Secretary of the Royal British Nurses' Association, requesting that such resolution be placed upon the Agenda for the forthcoming annual meeting, June 6th.

I have complied strictly with the by-laws of the Association in sending the resolution by registered letter twenty-one days in advance. But why such a by-law? for I find on inquiry at the Orchard Street office that no Agenda is published or sent to the members of the Association, and on referring to the said by-laws I can see no mention of this part of an executive's duty. Therefore one must go back to the time of the framing of these by-laws, and question the *bona fides* of those who made themselves responsible for the alteration of the rules of the Association, because such action of withholding the Agenda from the members deliberately robs us of the opportunity of considering the vital questions affecting our interests beforehand, and we are practically called upon to vote upon such at a moment's notice.

I am, and have been, a member of a number of executive committees of various societies, but I know not, nor can I hear, from inquiries in trade union circles, of any society summoning an annual meeting, wherein the important business of the society is done for the ensuing year, withholding from its members the Agenda for such meeting.

I should be glad if you could find space for the resolution and letter in the next issue of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, so as to give members of the R.B.N.A. notice of the resolution in time to consider the question; also someone may be able to give an answer to my query.

YOURS,

A. J. BEATTY, M.R.B.N.A.

COPY OF LETTER AND RESOLUTION SENT TO THE SECRETARY, R.B.N.A.

36, Rowan Road, Brook Green, W.

To the Secretary of the Royal British Nurses' Association.

Madam,—I hereby give you notice that it is my intention to move the appended resolution at the forthcoming annual meeting of the R.B.N. Association, and I request you, therefore, to place the same upon the published Agenda of the said meeting.

Yours faithfully,

A. J. BEATTY.

"That the members of the Royal British Nurses' Association, in general meeting assembled, learn with regret that Mr. Fardon and Miss Thorold, of the Middlesex Hospital, and other honorary officers of the Association, are publicly opposing

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