

paring, and jotting down notes for the rest of our lives! Our book will be quite large, and I fear costly.

Miss Nutting has also, as bad luck will have it (everything always comes at once), a treatise on nursing to complete.

Appleton's asked her several years ago to write it, but State Registration work, Superintendents' Society, Teachers' College special course, district nursing movements, and work in the campaign against tuberculosis have prevented her getting it finished.

Are you not pleased to learn that we have at last succeeded in having a nurse inspector appointed in New York State under our Registration Act? Four women took the examination fixed by the Regents; they were all good women, of sound experience and conscience. Miss Aline, who has been for several years in charge of the special course at Teachers' College, and who had previously held the position of a training school Superintendent, received the appointment. It will be, of course, most delicate and uphill work and require the most patient and tactful handling, simply because—the fact is most humiliating, but the truth must be told—so many physicians are engaged in conducting or in supporting *paper* training schools where all genuine practical work is non-existent, and where the whole outfit consists of a pretentious course of lectures and an operating room, that we must expect tireless and vindictive opposition whenever such men think their personal interests are threatened. Men who have small private hospitals with eight or ten patients; men who are not a success in medicine but who see an opportunity for making a living out of nurses; men who are flattered by seeing their names on the circulars of a correspondence school; these are the antagonists our inspector will have to meet. I do not envy her her task. If there is still anyone in England who dreads that State examinations will tend to promote the theoretical at the expense of the practical in the training of nurses, it would be worth your while to buy them a steamer ticket to come over here and investigate the work of the people who are opposing State Registration tooth and nail. Who *are* the ones that oppose it? Are they those who are giving a genuine practical training in the wards? No! They are the ones whose nurses learn their nursing from lectures and text-books and practise on manikins and dummies.

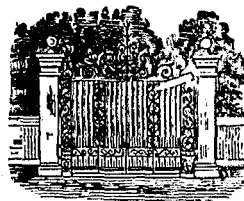
In spite of all opposition the good and wholesome effect of our legislation surprises even ourselves. It is altogether encouraging, but some more another time.

An important reorganisation is taking place in New York, and the Bellevue Training School Committee is affiliating closely with the Board of Trustees of Bellevue and the Allied Hospitals as they are called—viz., Harlem and Fordham hospitals. The nursing department is to be extended to nurse these three hospitals and Miss Goodrich has been appointed as head of the whole. The city will henceforth pay the cost of the maintenance of the training school. The Women's Board continue the management of the school.

L. L. Dock.

## Outside the Gates.

### WOMEN.



In a printed reply to Mr. Clynes, M.P., as to whether the ladies who were liberated from Holloway Gaol on November 24th, were liberated because their sentences were excessive; and if not, whether he would explain why the period of imprisonment was terminated by an order before their term expired, Mr. Herbert Gladstone says the prisoners were liberated when they had served half their sentences by an exercise of the Royal prerogative of mercy. It would not be in accordance with constitutional practice to state the grounds of the advice which he tendered to his Majesty.

The arrangements for the complimentary banquet on December 11th at the Savoy Hotel to Mrs. Cobden-Sanderson and her colleagues, at which Mrs. Fawcett will preside, are now almost complete.

After the toast of "The King," the one toast of the evening, which will be coupled with the names of Mrs. Cobden-Sanderson and Miss Billington, will be "Success to the Women's Suffrage Cause," proposed by Miss Elizabeth Robins and seconded by Mrs. Ayrton, M.L.E.E.

The signatures of many representative women continue to be received to the Women's Suffrage Declaration, and the Roll is now assuming gigantic proportions. The offices of the Committee at No. 67, Fleet Street are open between the hours of 10.30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Saturdays included.

The speaker at the meeting arranged by Mrs. Mackenzie Davidson at the Lyceum Club on December 8th, on The Growth and Organisation of the International Council of Women will be Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon, its Hon. Secretary, a lady whose brilliant original work in geology has won her many honours, and, says a contemporary, entitles her to a place beside such distinguished women scientists as Mrs. Ayrton, and Madame Curie.

Under the will of the late Miss Dorothea Beale, LL.D., Principal of Cheltenham Ladies' College, the College will probably benefit to the extent of £55,000. Miss Beale expressed the hope that the Council of the College would continue to maintain the Boarding Houses, and would assist poor students and teachers either by loans or gifts.

Mrs. Gordon Norrie, one of the Foundation Members of the International Council of Nurses, has been elected President of the Danish National Council of Women. Mrs. Norrie is known to nurses in this country, as she attended the International Women's Congress in London in 1899, and the one at Berlin in 1904. Previous to her visit to England she

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