

the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING comes to me every week. I read it with the deepest interest since I was in London and met you and so many of the earnest nurses there. I followed with a great deal of interest the part taken by the Matrons' Council in that question of degrading the Asylums Board Matrons, and was glad to know the President and many of those who took a stand for the maintenance of the present standard. No lowering of that in our ranks.

"The nurses in Toronto have for long been wanting a club house, and are working with that end in view, and we hope to realise our object in the near future. That is the object of our "May Fête," which you doubtless saw mentioned in the *Canadian Nurse*, and we are bending all our energies to making the fête a huge success.

"It has been suggested that we secure the autographs of distinguished people for sale, and I at once thought of my friends over the sea, for whose autographs should be so valuable as those of distinguished women in our own profession?"

Miss Crosby then proceeds to ask us to help her, which we hope to be able to do. Of course she longs for the autograph of Miss Nightingale—it would bring a high price. Those we possess we cannot spare, as they are already filed in the International Library archives, and are affixed to letters and documents touching on important items of nursing history. Perhaps someone could procure this treasure for Canadian nurses.

Nurses have won great credit in the Medical and Nursing Section of the Australia's Women's Work Exhibition. Miss Gertrude M. Greaves, one of the nurses, sent in eight exhibits of "inventions," and won the prize for the best invention in the Exhibition, and also for the best invention by a nurse. Lady Northcote and the Executive have taken a great interest in the Medical and Nursing Section.

The Chicago City Council has established the space of 250 feet in all directions from all the hospitals within the city as a "Zone of Quiet."

LEGAL MATTERS

A man, who described himself as a "qualified hospital nurse from Philadelphia," was charged last week at the North London Police Court with attempting suicide. He gave as the reason that he had been drinking heavily, and had been robbed of his money by a woman in Poplar. In the United States, with registration laws in force in so many States, it is increasingly necessary to produce credentials, but in this country, provided only that they offer their services for the sick, it is easy for all sorts and conditions of persons to obtain employment.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The King has sent his good wishes for the success of the First International Congress on Moral Education, which will bring all the leading European authorities on morals to London next September.

At a well attended meeting at the College of Preceptors, Sir Edward Busk, Chairman of Convocation of the University of London, speaking on "Moral Education in Connection with the Approaching International Congress," referred to the vital importance of moral instruction and training. Conduct, he said, created character—the one and only possession of which we could be sure. He urged that it would be wise to educate children principally by example and influence, and indirectly by saturating the whole of their school life with moral instruction. They must teach by examples rather than by abstract maxims.

Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales has graciously consented to give her patronage to a concert to be held in the Great Hall of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, on Thursday, May 21st, in aid of the funds for the new Nurses' Home.

The Hon. W. F. D. Smith, M.P., has been elected chairman of the Committee of Management of King's College Hospital.

Mr. G. P. Shepherd, of Keymer, Sussex, a former resident of Guildford, has given £10,000 to build and endow a convalescent home in connection with the Royal Surrey County Hospital at Guildford.

DR. RIDGE'S FOOD.

Dr. Ridge's Patent Cooked Food represents the outcome of study on the part of a medical man, with the view first of ascertaining the constituents of normal mother's milk and the proportions in which they are combined, and then of producing a food which may be used with safety as a substitute for such milk when the infant, unfortunately, cannot be provided with it. The fact that this food has stood the test of over half a century, and is still recommended by the medical profession, says much in its favour.

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