

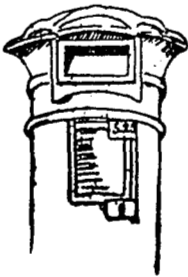
## Stageland.

A DISCONCERTING rumour is rife that Mrs. Patrick Campbell (without doubt the most talented actress on the English stage) is to return to the Haymarket under contract to act in "John o' Dreams." If so, it is to be feared that "Mrs. Ebbsmith" will be "Notorious" no longer. All true lovers of the drama should make an effort to see this play at the Garrick.

We are to have a new play by Mr. Henry Arthur Jones at St. James, under the title of "The Triumph of the Philistines." Little is yet known of the plot, but we are sure of an original play. The author of "The Silver King," "The Dancing Girl" and "The Masqueraders," cannot fail to draw, especially under the masterly management of Mr. George Alexander.

Mr. Tree has won golden laurels in the States. The *Boston Herald* says of his Hamlet that it was "the sweetest, most beautiful, most poetic, and noblest of all the Hamlets the stage has seen," and this from the "hub of the Universe."

In degenerate London, "Charley's Aunt" has made more money than "Hamlet," 850 representations having been given in the Metropolis.



## 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.*

### POINT - BLANK.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—I am requested by the Consulting Surgeon of the Kimberley Hospital to ask you to be good enough to publish the enclosed letter (which has been addressed to the Editor of *The Hospital*) in your valuable paper.

I am, dear madam, yours faithfully,  
HADE BEER,  
Secretary.

[COPY.]

To the Editor of "The Hospital."

Kimberley Hospital, South Africa,  
March 7th, 1895.

SIR,—We have observed in *The Hospital Nursing Supplement* for February 2nd, 1895, certain remarks in reply to an Enquirer, reflecting on the Kimberley Hospital.

The statement there made that matters are so unsatisfactory as to demand a Government investigation, pending which English gentlemen had better not apply for the vacant post, is absolutely and maliciously false.

The best reply we can make is to ask you to publish the names of the members of the Hospital Board of Management which is constituted as follows:—

#### Government Nominees.

E. A. Judge, Civil Commissioner (Chairman).  
Justice Solomon.  
J. B. Currey, Manager London and S. A. Exploration Company.  
C. M. Bult, J.P., Registrar of Natives.  
M. Cornwall, J.P., Deputy Sheriff, late Mayor of Kimberley.

#### Representing the Mining Boards.

W. H. Craven, Secretary de Beers Consolidated Mines, Limited.

C. E. Nind, Director de Beers Consolidated Mines, Limited.

J. M. Jones, de Beers Consolidated Mines, Limited.

The Mayor of Kimberley.

The Mayor of Beaconsfield.

#### Elected by Subscribers.

R. M. Roberts, Secretary du Toits Pan Mining Board.

These, together with the names of the medical men who sign this, are, we think, a sufficient guarantee to any one who knows Kimberley that an English gentlewoman may fearlessly apply for any post in the Kimberley Hospital.

(Signed)—

Consulting  
Surgeons.

JAMES A. SMITH, F.R.C.S.E., L.R.C.P.E.,

Fellow Royal Physical Soc. Ed., Dist. Surgeon.

ARNOLD H. WATKINS, M.D. Edin., M.R.C.S.

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ALFRED ED. THOMSON, M.D., M.R.C.S.,  
Senior House Surgeon.

### A QUESTION FOR THE PUBLIC.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—As one who takes a keen interest in women's work, I have naturally followed with a certain sense of bewilderment the discussion in your pages which has followed the proposal of a Mr. Burdett whose name was, I regret to say, previously unknown to me, to issue a Nursing Directory. The events which lead to the sad necessity for securing the services of a trained Nurse often come suddenly, and the advice of the doctor as to whom to apply is of course at once sought. It sometimes happens, however, as it has to me, that the friends of the patient are compelled to act at once and on their own responsibility. Those who have the list of the Royal British Nurses at hand, could hardly be in doubt as to the source whence help should be derived, as the names of duly qualified professional Nurses alone appear in their lists, which are issued under professional control; and ample protection is thus afforded both to the trained Nurse herself and to the public. As a perfectly unbiassed person, it appears to me that the issue of a Directory of Nurses apart from professional control must tend to lower the standard of training and efficiency which the Royal British Nurses' Association has declared to be necessary. The medical authorities during the past few years have, in fact, accepted this standard as necessary. In the case of Mr. Burdett's list, I gather from the correspondence that he, a layman, proposes to compile and issue a Directory of Nurses which may comprise the names of those whose training and experience our leading physicians and surgeons would consider to be wholly inadequate. I am relieved to find from your issue of last week that, as Miss Annesley Kenealy suggests, the matter will be fully discussed by the governing body of the Royal British Nurses' Association, who, deriving their charter direct from the Privy Council, are invested with full powers to deal with the subject authoritatively.

I need hardly say that any efforts of mine which may enable the public to understand the gravity of the situation are freely at your disposal; for the tending of the sick, the injured and afflicted is far too serious a matter to be left to the irresponsible efforts, however well intentioned, of any amateur.

I am, Dear Madam, faithfully yours,

FLORENCE M. ROBERTS-AUSTEN.

Royal Mint, E.

April 2nd, 1895.

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