

of letters and other material have been sent the author for use in the biography.

Among the republished volumes to appear soon in the Statesmen Series are "Wellesley," by Colonel Malleson; "Beaconsfield," by Mr. T. E. Kebbel; "Palmerston," by Mr. Lloyd Sanders; "O'Connell," by Mr. J. A. Hamilton; "Gambetta," by M. Marzilas; and "Prince Consort," by Miss Charlotte Yonge.

The new number of "English Classics," edited by Mr. W. E. Henley, is now ready. It is "The Adventures of Hajji Baba of Ispahan," with an introduction by E. G. Browne, Fellow of Pembroke College, Cambridge.

Dr. Arabella Kenealy is passing the proofs of a new novel for the press. We hear it is a very strong story.

The second edition of Lady Henry Somerset's pamphlet, "The Renaissance of Woman," is now in the press. It is a concise, unbiassed and admirably worded argument for the enfranchisement of woman.

Miss Willard's booklet on the bicycle entitled "A Wheel within a Wheel," will very soon be simultaneously published in England and America. The English edition will have an introduction by Sir Benj. Ward Richardson. The book is brought out in this country under the auspices of the Women's Mowbray House Cycling Club.

## Coming Events.

*Saturday, 27th.*—Lecture, Royal Institution, 3 p.m.

*Sunday, 28th.*—Westminster Abbey, Canon Gore, 3 p.m. Temple Church, Canon Ainger, 11 a.m. Foundling Chapel, Rev. A. R. Buckland, 11 a.m. City Temple, Rev. Joseph Parker, 11 a.m.

*Monday, 29th.*—Society of Arts, Lecture, 8 p.m. Festival Dinner, Ophthalmic Hospital, Holborn Restaurant. Mrs. Eva McLaren will hold her first Class in School of Method of Procedure at Public Meetings, Matron's House, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, 4 p.m.

*Tuesday, 30th.*—Sale of Work, Church Association, St. Martin's Hall, 12 to 9 p.m. New Gallery opens. "Fair Children" Exhibition, Grafton Gallery. Festival Dinner of London Hospital for Diseases of the Chest. Lecture on Divinity at Gresham College, Basinghall Street.

*Wednesday, May 1st.*—Annual Meeting, British and Foreign Bible Society, Exeter Hall. United States Ambassador presides at Festival Dinner, on behalf of King's College Hospital. Centenary of Abernethian Society, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, 8 p.m.

*Thursday, 2nd.*—Private View Day, Royal Academy.

*Friday, 3rd.*—Annual Meeting, Religious Tract Society, Exeter Hall. Lord Wantage will preside at Festival in aid of Funds of Royal Blind Pension Society, at the Fishmongers' Hall. Executive Committee, Royal British Nurses' Association, meets, 17, Old Cavendish Street, W., 5 p.m.

National Gallery.—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday, free days.

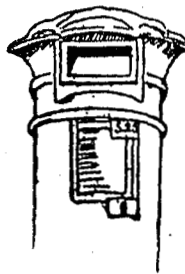
South Kensington Museum.—Monday, Tuesday, Saturday, free days.

Soane Museum, 13, Lincoln's Inn Fields.—Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, free.

Guildhall Art Gallery.—Week-days, free.

Hampton Court Palace.—Pictures, daily, free.

Dulwich College.—Portraits, week-days, free.



## 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.*

### NO NURSES ADMITTED.

*To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."*

MADAM,—My hope of saving my fellow Nurses from a humiliating position, prompts me to make known my recent experiences in a well-known hotel. I entered the public dining room with my father who was staying in the hotel. We sat down at one of the tables and gave our order for lunch to the waiter. Shortly after the manager came up and, politely, it is true, informed us that Nurses were not allowed in the dining room, and on hearing that I was there in a non-professional capacity, he still refused to serve me. Our only alternative, therefore, was to retire from the room and from the hotel to seek lunch elsewhere. Is this rule customary in all the large hotels? If so, it must be of recent date; for I have on several occasions hitherto appeared in my uniform in public dining rooms without (to my knowledge) any objection being raised to my presence there. I have always felt proud of my uniform and I should like to know in what light it is regarded by the public!

Does a lady's social position vary according to the dress she wears, and must she by wearing the garb of a Nurse be debarred from the society of her friends? I should be glad to hear your opinion and that of others on the subject.

I am, madam,

Yours faithfully,

"INDIGNATION."

[We comment on this in our Editorial.—ED.]

### PUBLIC DUTY.

*To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."*

MADAM,—A letter under "Outside the Gates" signed by Anne Belaysse in your NURSING RECORD of April 20th, takes one rather by surprise.

That Nurses, of all people, should be considered lacking "in sympathy with the grief of the world" is indeed incomprehensible. If a "disinterested observer" thought for the moment, she would surely remember that it is amongst that "grief" a Nurse lives, that "grief" which she spends her life in trying to alleviate. Incidents similar to that referred to in "The Cry of Ishmael" are frequently coming within a Nurse's notice, and the parties concerned often under her care, and surely in personal contact with, and tender care of those whose "lines" heretofore have not fallen unto them "in pleasant places" is truest sympathy.

I feel sure that many will agree with me when I say that the sphere of a hospital Nurse is anything but narrow.

That a Nurse does not interest herself more in politics and "the burning questions of the hour," is not that she is less intelligent than other women, but simply because that she has not sufficient time at her disposal in which to do so.

If a "disinterested observer" would become really interested in the lives of Nurses instead of criticising their "view of life," she might help to widen that horizon which at present she considers so narrow.

Yours,

A SCOT.

[We are inclined, from long personal experience of the life of a Nurse in all its branches, to agree with our correspondent, "Anne Belaysse," that a sense of public duty should be developed by trained Nurses, and also by every woman, so that she may fill her niche in the universe to the best interests of her fellow creatures.—ED.]

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