

May 14th.—Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Registered Nurses' Society, 20, Upper Wimpole Street, 5 p.m.

May 16th.—Concert and Garden Party, under the immediate patronage of Princess Mary Adelaide, at North House, Putney, in aid of the Memorial Cottage Hospital, Mildmay Park, in the afternoon.

National Health Society, 53, Berners Street.—Annual Distribution of medals and certificates at Grosvenor House by H.R.H. Princess Christian (by kind permission of the Duke of Westminster), 3.

May 18th.—Her Royal Highness Princess Mary Adelaide Duchess of Teck will preside at the opening of the Bazaar in aid of the Royal Eye Hospital Southwark.

May 19th.—Concert at Stafford House, by permission of the Duke and Duchess of Sutherland, in aid of Mrs. Kitto's Convalescent Home and Orphanage at Reigate.

May 19th and 20th.—A grand Bazaar in aid of the National Blind Relief Society at Portman Rooms. Opened by H.R.H. the Duchess of Teck.

May 21st.—The Princess of Wales will open the Bazaar and Fête in the new Wing of the West London Hospital, Hammersmith Road, 3.30.

May 26th.—Lord Charles Bruce will preside at the Festival Dinner of the Royal Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, City Road.

May 29th.—The Duchess of Albany will open a Fancy Fair in aid of the Re-endowment Fund for Guy's Hospital, at Shortlands, Kent.

June 1st.—Opening of the Nursing Exhibition at St. Martin's Town Hall, 3 p.m.

June 3rd, 4th and 5th.—Nursing Conferences at the Exhibition at St. Martin's Town Hall, 11 a.m.

## Notice.

### THE NURSING EXHIBITION.

THE Secretary of the Nursing Exhibition, 20, Upper Wimpole Street, London, W., will be obliged if all those who are dressing dolls in Hospital uniforms will let her have a post card to that effect as soon as possible, stating the Hospital the Nursing uniform of which they are copying. *This is important.*

Suitable dolls can be obtained by application to Miss Harcourt, Doll Department, Messrs. D. H. Evans and Co., Oxford Street, London.

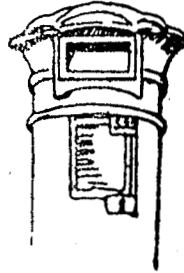
Composition dolls, 14 in., 1s. 6½d.; 15 in., 1s. 11½d.  
Jointed dolls., 15 in., 2s. 11½d.; 16½ in., 3s. 11½d.

The Secretary will be obliged if photographs, badges, certificates, &c., kindly promised, can be sent in by the 15th of May.

The Secretary begs to thank those ladies who have already forwarded articles for exhibition.

A complete programme of the arrangements both for the Exhibition and Conference will appear next week.

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## 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.*

### SELF-RELIANCE.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—E. G. has touched upon a point in Nursing ethics which I am not at all surprised to find puzzles independent women of the world, and that is the lack of self-reliance in their own personal affairs of the average trained Nurse; and when this defect is contrasted with the admirable manner in which trained Nurses comport themselves in many difficult positions in which they are placed when private Nursing, the matter becomes all the more inexplicable. For instance it will be found that the average trained Nurse is absolutely devoid of any sense of public spirit or professional feeling, she is lukewarm concerning co-operation, and timorous as a mouse in expressing an opinion concerning her own professional affairs at a public meeting, but watch the same woman when dealing with the affairs of others—often strangers—see her enter a private house, how she will grasp the situation, tackle the family, gain the confidence of the patient, and how calmly she will assert herself and control the situation. Does not this appear an anomaly? It is quite true that when in Hospital she thinks, moves, and has her being "in droves" according to official dictation, and it is probable that she is inspired with the conviction that in so acting she is "loyal." The truth is we have got to define the word "loyalty" as far as the trained Nurse is concerned and I think we might tackle the subject in the RECORD.

Yours gratefully,

ESTHER GREY.

### RÖNTGEN'S RAYS.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

MADAM,—The suggestion made by Ethel Wright in the last number of the RECORD, that it would be a wise step were Nurses to add the "new photography" to their store of knowledge and accomplishments, is one with which I do not feel in accord. I think too much is already expected of us, and this would indeed be the last straw which would break our tired backs. So long as we must spend from 12 to 14 hours in the wards, with the constant standing, combined with the unhealthy atmosphere and influences tending to lower vitality, it seems to me that it would not be wise to add anything to the already "cramming curriculum." Of course it is open to any Nurse who pleases to take up Röntgen's photography as a hobby, to substitute this for the Kodak or "snapshot," and if she can make money out of it so much the better for her. But let us regard all these developments as belonging not to Nurses but to individual women, to whose particular mind and tastes they appeal. Because some Nurses

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