

## LECTURES.

Miss Margery Homersham will give three Lectures and Demonstrations at St. Martin's Town Hall during the Nursing Exhibition, in the Lecture-room.

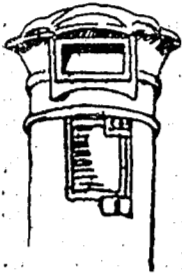
On Monday, June 8th, at 12 noon—"The Administration of Food and Medicine."

Wednesday, June 10th, at 12 noon—"The Application of Poultices and Fomentations."

Friday, June 12th, 12 noon—"How to Prepare a Simple Dietary for the Sick."

The Exhibition will close on Saturday next, the 13th inst.

On Wednesday and Saturday evening next the celebrated Pierrot Banjo Team will perform at the Nursing Exhibition from 7 to 10 p.m., and Demonstrations of the new Shadow Photography will be given. Tickets, price 3s. each, can be obtained on admission, or previously, at the Hall. NURSES IN UNIFORM WILL BE ADMITTED AT HALF PRICE, *i.e.*, 1s. 6d.



## Letters to the Editor.

Notes, Queries, &amp;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.*

## THE COUNCIL LIST.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—I have just been looking over my voting-paper, and I have come to the conclusion that the Royal British Nurses' Association is fast becoming the Royal Association for London Nurses, and instead of helping the Nursing profession forward, the officials are doing their very best to thrust it back. Last year, when the *chief* London Matrons were ousted from the General Council through a quibble in the bye-laws (which I notice are most carefully ignored by the Executive when it suits their own purpose), there was a meeting without prejudice between ten medical men and two Matrons on the one part, and twelve Matrons and Sisters on the other part, and the medical men promised on their *honour* that if the Annual Meeting passed off without anything being said, they would propose the Matrons as Vice-Presidents as an acknowledgment for the services which these ladies had rendered the Association. Has this been done? No! And now we have the voting list, and again these ladies are omitted; it cannot be said

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this time that the [bye-laws are at fault, and it shows quite clearly that it is intentional, and not accidental, as was pleaded last year.

These are the honourable men who wish to run our Association on their own lines, and who wish all the Members to do as they tell them. Why? Because they are Doctors and we are Nurses, and, of course, ought to obey whether it is right or wrong? But I sincerely hope the Nurses will make a stand, and alter their papers, and again install the Matrons, and also make the list of Sisters and Nurses more representative, for it is only necessary to look at that list to know who the Matrons are who are fighting so valiantly for all the best interests of the profession.

I remain,

Yours truly,

MARY BURR,

M.R.B.N.A., Member of General Council.

East Bergholt, Suffolk.

May 30th, 1896.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—By this time all the Members of the Royal British Nurses' Association will have received their voting papers. Before signing and returning it, I trust they will do their best to alter the unfair list presented, and try to return at least *some* of the ladies who worked so hard for our Association in its infancy.

Few Nurses understand the business at public meetings, therefore I venture to say that the last Annual Meeting was not a truly representative opinion of the Nurse Members. Now, whilst we have our papers is our opportunity, and I hope the Members will use it on the side of justice and give a wider representation to our Hospitals. It is time that English Nurses insisted on their right to have the greater part in the management of their own Association. Our American sisters are considered capable of organising and conducting their own affairs, and surely we have as much brain power as they have. At present it seems to me we are being led like a flock of sheep (and like sheep we have gone astray). I am sure the doctors have been very good and given us plenty of physic, but the good results have been very small and will be less, unless they allow the Members to try their Nursing skill and suitable diet with plenty of light and sunshine (and I hope the doctors will not be afraid of sea breezes for the Royal British Nurses' Association). At least I am sure the above *régime* is what they would prescribe for any poor crippled body, so why not be equally generous to the Royal British Nurses' Association? We are crippled by the excessive expenditure, &c. Whoever serves on the Nurses' Council will, I hope, endeavour to reduce the expenses and bring them within reason.

I enclose my card and remain,

Yours faithfully,

ONE OF THE RANK AND FILE.

## MATRONS' APPOINTMENTS.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—I am a Hospital Sister; once I gained the proud eminence of Matronship, a position for which I own I was totally unfitted. I hated finding fault with the Nurses and servants, and was kept awake all night when I had to tackle a "Sister" for

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