

Jan. 31st.—“Mountain Myths and Legends” (illustrated by magic lantern), by T. Clinton Dent, F.R.C.S., 17, Old Cavendish Street, W., at 8 p.m.

Feb. 11th.—Meeting of Parliament.

Feb. 12th.—“The Influence of Subsoil Water on Health,” by S. Monckton Copeman, M.A., M.D., D.P.H., the Sanitary Institute, Margaret Street, W., 8 p.m.

Feb. 13th.—Lady Halsbury’s Ball in aid of St. Michael’s Convalescent Home, Westgate-on-Sea, at the Inner Temple Hall.

Feb. 21st.—The Duke of Connaught, the President, will open two closed wards of St. Thomas’s Hospital, when the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs will attend.

Feb. 26th.—The Duchess of Albany will preside at the Re-opening of the Wards of the East London Hospital for Children, 3 p.m.

Feb. 29th.—The Duke of York will preside at the Festival Dinner in aid of the funds of the Victoria Hospital for Children, Hôtel Métropole, 7.30 p.m.

That the women who attend these lectures appreciate instruction, even from a member of the sterner sex, is amply shown by the numerous requests that reach me from ladies who have attended Dr. Eddowes’ lectures, that he should be invited to repeat them.

Your suggestion that a lady could give many wrinkles that a man cannot, has not been lost sight of, and arrangements are under consideration at Toynbee Hall by which ladies who have attended courses in “First Aid” and “Nursing,” shall be able to receive instruction in allied subjects, from time to time, from a member of their own sex qualified to give it.

Yours faithfully,

W. HUMPHRIS WINNY,

Local Hon. Sec., St. John Ambulance Association.

[We must be thankful for small mercies.—ED.]

STATE REGISTRATION OF NURSES.

To the Editor of “The Nursing Record.”

MADAM,—As a Nurse of twelve years’ experience I should like to give my private opinion to you about Registration, if you would kindly let me. I have read with great interest your admirable speech on the subject, but what I think and am sure of is this, that if you would devise some means by which all Nurses voting in favour of it could write to some definite place, and beforehand state that their names shall not be disclosed, you would find hundreds of Nurses would vote who at present dare not, if their Superintendents are against Registration. Pardon me for trespassing on your valuable time.

Yours faithfully,

A. F.

[We hope the day is not far distant when women will be in true sympathy with one another, when liberty of conscience will be accorded to a subordinate as a matter of course, and when every woman will claim as her inalienable right, the exercise of her own intellectual faculties.—ED.]

MALE NURSES.

To the Editor of “The Nursing Record.”

MADAM,—I wish to say a few words on the admission of “Male Assistants,” if not Nurses, into all Hospitals where male patients are admitted. They always were necessary for various special purposes, which female Nurses should not be asked, neither allowed to attend to. Often very young Nurses are compelled, at the risk of losing their situation, to overcome all their sense of delicacy and propriety, if not give these up, in obeying orders in such matters. They are made to believe it is necessary, that their sensibilities must be blunted by Hospital work, &c., but I maintain, after some years of experience, that none of this is absolutely necessary, and that no woman, of whatever age, especially the young, should be ever allowed to have their sense of delicacy, propriety, &c. blunted; and like a good many other present wrongs, this is not the fault of the Nurses either. The majority of Canadian and American Hospitals are far superior in this matter, as many of the physicians would not allow, much less ask the Nurses to attend male patients in any thing a male assistant ought to do.

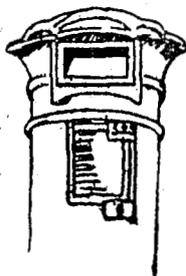
I remain, madam,

Sincerely yours,

“IDA.”

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.

NURSES AND NEWSPAPERS.

To the Editor of “The Nursing Record.”

MADAM,—In “Pro.” days at the Provincial Hospital where I was trained, we six who inhabited a set of cubicles each subscribed 1d. a week, and so regularly got our *Standard*, one of our party acting as treasurer. The plan in the same Hospital now is for each “Pro.” to pay 6d. a month, which is collected by the Assistant Matron, who undertakes to provide the daily and weekly papers and magazines, those being chosen which are likely to be of most interest. These papers can all be seen by the Nurses in their sitting room. It is very bad for Nurses to be content to know nothing, and to care less, for the goings-on of the world outside the Hospital gates.

I am, yours truly,

L. B.

NURSING LECTURERS.

To the Editor of “The Nursing Record.”

DEAR MADAM,—In a recent number of your journal commenting on the Nursing Lectures to be given at Toynbee Hall by Dr. Alfred Eddowes, you say, “It would certainly be better to arrange for some expert Nurse to give the lectures.” You may not know that this particular course is one of a series conducted under the auspices of the St. John Ambulance Association. One of the regulations of that Association is that no lectures may be given except by a person on the medical Register. There are comparatively very few ladies on the Register, and I doubt whether any of them would be able to so generously place their services at our disposal as Dr. Eddowes and other lecturers do.

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