

"The Plague of Women."

Tear not, dear dame, thy winsome wig,
 Dash from thy lips the frenzied froth,
 The caustic Doctor, don't you twig,
 With lady nurses is not wrath?
 He is not, lady, I insist,
 A what-you-call misogynist.
 He does but censure butterflies
 Who flit beside the stricken field,
 With gaudy raiment, rolling eyes,
 To see what pleasure Battle yields;
 And as he says what he believes
 His reputation he re-Treves.

O, even those who love the sex
 May pardoned be for swift desire
 To wring with iron hand the necks
 Of moths who flicker round the fire
 Of Battle, sporting London fashions,
 And gobbling up expensive rations.

—*Globe.*

O woman! in our hours of ease
 Uncertain, coy, and hard to please;
 When pain and anguish wring the brow,
 More terrible than flies art thou.

C. L. G. in the *Londoner.*

There was a young belle from North Berwick,
 Whose conduct was highly hysteric;
 She followed the guns,
 And distributed buns
 To the men who were down with enteric.

—*Sunday Sun.***WHAT TO READ.**

- "'Carest Thou Not That We Perish?' The Bitter Cry of Starving India." By J. T. Budd.
 "War and Labour." By Michael Anitchow.
 "The Great Napoleon's Mother." By C. Tschudi.
 "The Household of the Lafayettes." By Edith Sichel.
 "By Order of the Company." By Mary Johnston.
 "Kiddy: a Novel." By Tom Gallon.
 "Three Men on the Bummel." By Jerome K. Jerome.

Coming Events.

Women's National Liberal Association. Annual Conference and Business Meeting in London.

May 14th.—At 8.30 p.m., Reception of Local Presidents and Secretaries by Mrs. Sydney Buxton, at 7, Grosvenor Crescent, S.W.

May 15th.—At 10.30 a.m. First session of the Conference at St. Martin's Town Hall, Charing Cross Road, W.C. Discussion on the War.

At 1.30 p.m. Luncheon given by the Hospitality Sub-Committee to the Delegates in the Grand Banqueting Hall, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly.

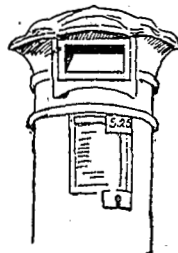
At 3 p.m. Second Session of the Conference at St. Martin's Town Hall. Discussion on the Housing of the Working Classes.

At 5 p.m. River Excursion by special steamboat.

May 16th.—At 10.30 a.m. Third Session of the Conference at St. Martin's Town Hall. Discussion on Temperance Reform.

At 12 noon. Factory Legislation.

At 3 p.m. Annual Business Meeting.

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.

"THE SOCIETY GHOUL."

To the Editor of the "Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—I feel compelled to say a word for some of the women who in the early days of the war went to South Africa in the hope of being of service to our sick and wounded, as apart from the "butterflies" so crushingly dealt with by Mr. Treves, and also for many of the young wives who accompanied their husbands. Surely it is not fair that all "women," not professional nurses, should be included in Mr. Treves' contemptuous category, and indeed, to be quite fair, has the conduct of every trained nurse sent to South Africa been free from frivolity? I think not. Letters from the front give evidence that some of these nurses are by no means inspired with the highest ideals of professional conduct, and I own, had I a husband or sons at the war I should add myself to the "plague," and locate myself at Cape Town to be near them if sick or wounded. And again do we average women not suffer at home in the estimation of our legislators, from their common experience of the "Society Woman?" Her conduct in London—is just as reprehensible as it is at the Cape—cruel, selfish, intensely vain, and heartless, the "Smart Set" are always with us, and surely men encourage this type of woman or she would not exist. Anyway please let the loving and anxious wives and mothers, who are living in terrible anxiety, both at home and abroad, be dissociated in the public mind from the society ghoul—it is not fair to class us with them.

"A SOLDIER'S WIDOW."

MALARIA.

To the Editor of the "Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—I think that most nurses who have lived in malarial districts will agree with your correspondent, a nurse from the tropics, who thinks that the nursing in cases of malaria is a most important matter. For one thing in tropical climates when a patient is allowed to run down, it is very difficult for him to pull up again, and it is therefore most important that he should be fed at frequent intervals, and his strength well maintained. Of course one must remember that it is not what a person takes, but what he digests, that is of value to him, and during the first few days of a fever it is well to restrict the diet to fluid food for the most part, but, as a rule, iced and humanized milk, chicken broth, beef tea, or Brand's essence, the latter in solid or fluid form as preferred, are for the most part readily taken, and should be regularly given. When the temperature has subsided, as it usually does in a few days, a liberal diet should be given, including some form of stimulant. An egg flip, in the middle of the morning, containing half-an-ounce of brandy and some crushed ice, is usually appreciated, and it is an

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