

**Poems.**

WHEN ALL THE WORLD IS NEW.  
 If you were a little girl again,  
 Mother Mahone, Mahone,  
 What would you do the long, long day,  
 Playing alone, alone?  
 If I were a little girl again,  
 Nora, my own, my own,  
 With just one long, long sunny day  
 To play alone, alone,  
 If I were a little girl again,  
 And fairy folk were true,  
 If paper dolls had human hearts,  
 And all the world were new,  
 Ah, listen, listen, little one,  
 I'll whisper what I'd do ;  
 To the violet's lips I'd put my ear  
 And hush my heart that I might hear  
 The secret of its sweetness ;  
 I'd search beneath the fungus shelves  
 For glimpse of goblins, gnomes, or elves ;  
 I'd run a race with the laughing brook,  
 Or chase it to some witch-kept nook,  
 Whose spell would stay its fleetness ;  
 I'd hide in the haunt of the mocking-bird  
 Till I learnt its melody word for word ;  
 Full length upon the moss I'd lie,  
 Content beneath the changing sky  
 In that one day's completeness.  
 If I were a little girl again,  
 Even as you, as you,  
 If fairy folk were truly folk,  
 And all the world were new,  
 I'd just be happy, little one,  
 Till the long, long day was through.

MABEL LETA EATON in *St. Nicholas* for June.

WHO IS THE TRULY GREAT MAN ?  
 I like the man who faces what he must  
 With step triumphant and a heart of cheer ;  
 Who fights the daily battle without fear ;  
 Sees his hopes fail, yet keeps unfaltering trust  
 That God is God ; that somehow, true and just  
 His plans work out for mortals ; not a tear  
 Is shed when fortune, which the world holds dear,  
 Falls from his grasp ; better, with love, a trust  
 Than living in dishonour ; envies not,  
 Nor loses faith in man ; but does his best  
 Nor ever murmurs at his humbler lot,  
 But with a smile and words of hope, gives zest  
 To every toiler ; he alone is great  
 Who, by a life heroic, conquers fate.

MARY E. BENNETT.

**WHAT TO READ.**

- "The Rise and Fall of Krugerism." A Personal Record of Forty Years in South Africa. By John Scoble and H. R. Abercrombie.
- "The Downfall of Prempeh : a Diary of Life with the Native Levy in Ashanti, 1895-96." By Major-General R. S. S. Baden-Powell.
- "With Methuen's Column : on an Ambulance Train." By Ernest N. Bennett.
- "Kiddy." By Tom Gallon.
- "The Wonderful Career of Ebenezer Lobb." Related by himself. Edited, with an appreciation, by Allen Upward.

**Coming Events.**

June 27th.—Princess Henry of Battenberg lays the Foundation Stone of the new Belgrave Hospital in Kennington, 4 p.m.

**THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES,**

*Thursday, July 5th.*

Meeting of the Provisional Committee at the Matron's House, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, 11 a.m. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick will preside.

**AGENDA.**

- To receive a Report from the Provisional Hon. Secretary.
- To adopt a Constitution.
- To elect the Hon. Officers.
- Other business,

MARGARET BREAY,

*Hon. Sec. Provisional Committee.*

**THE MATRONS' COUNCIL.**

**THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.**

At the Medical Societies' Rooms, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W.

Miss Isla Stewart, President, in the Chair.

*Thursday, July 5th.*

3—6 p.m.

**FIRST SESSION.**

Presidential Address.

A Poor Law Nursing Service.

Miss E. Julian, Matron of the Infirmary, Croydon, Member of the Matrons' Council.

The necessity for a Nursing Department in all Governmental Offices dealing with the nursing of the Sick.

Mrs. Lancelot Andrews, late Lady Superintendent, Gordon House Home Hospital, Member of the Matrons' Council.

The Celebration by Trained Nurses of the New Century.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Councilor, Matrons' Council.

*Friday, July 6th.*

11 a.m.

Quarterly Meeting of the Council.

3—6 p.m.

**SECOND SESSION.**

(1) "The Reasons for the State Registration of Trained Nurses." Three papers from the standpoint of

The Medical Practitioner, Dr. F. S. Toogood, Medical Superintendent, the Infirmary, Lewisham.

The Trained Nurse, Miss H. Poole, Matron, the Infirmary, Blackburn. Member of the Matrons' Council.

The Patient.

(2) "The Nursing of the Sick at Sea."

Le Comte C. de Cardi.

Questions of Professional Interest which may arise.

MARGARET BREAY,

*Hon. Sec. Matrons' Council.*

The afternoon Conferences are open to the general public, and those interested in nursing can obtain tickets by applying to Miss M. Breay, 46, York Street, Portman Square, W. Price 1s. per Session.

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