

The account of the state of parties, the little intrigues, and the way the Prince carries his life in his steady hand, is well imagined.

The growing admiration and affection felt for him by his wife are also well imagined. The end is a trifle hurried, but very charming.

Miss Hope is such an adept in the drawing of character, that we cannot help wishing that she would give us more of it. The Zenda-setting of her picture is quite good, there is enough and not too much. But Karl Friedrich is such a personality that we could wish for more of him. His dealings with Stepan Stepanoff were really wonderful, and suggest "A New Way with Assassins," which monarchs would do well to cultivate—that is, when they are really first-class revolver shots.

G.M.R.

### Coming Events.

*February 23rd.*—Meeting of the Nurses' Social Union, 11, St. James's Square, Bath. F. W. Lace, Esq., F.R.C.S., will give an Address.

*February 26th.*—Annual General Meeting at the London Homœopathic Hospital, Great Ormond Street, W.C. The Right Hon. the Earl Cawdor in the chair. 3.30 p.m.

*February 27th.*—Annual meeting of Governors of the Cancer Hospital (Free), Fulham Road.

*February 27th.*—Second Annual Court of Governors of the Royal National Orthopædic Hospital, 234, Great Portland Street, W.

*February 28th.*—Special Matinée Performance of "The Red Lamp," at His Majesty's Theatre, in aid of St. Mary's Hospital for Women and Children, Plaistow.

*March 1st.*—Lecture at the Royal Sanitary Institute, Parkes Museum, Margaret Street, W., by Professor Ronald Ross, C.B., F.R.S., to the Institute, on "Points of Interest Connected with Tropical Sanitation" (illustrated by Lantern Slides). 5.30 p.m.

*March 5th.*—Annual Meeting of the Manchester, Salford, and District Branch of the National Union of Women Workers. Miss H. C. Poole, Matron of the East Lancashire Infirmary, Blackburn, will give an Address on State Registration of Trained Nurses, Lord Mayor's Parlour, Town Hall, Manchester, 3.30 p.m.

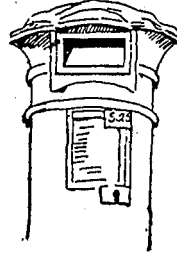
*March 8th.*—Special Meeting of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, 4 p.m.

### A Word for the Week.

A man may as well expect to grow stronger by always eating as wiser by always reading. Too much overcharges nature and turns more into disease than nourishment. It is thought and digestion which makes reading serviceable and gives health and vigour to the mind.—*Collier.*

### 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 POSITION OF THE ISOLATION HOSPITAL IN THE TRAINING OF THE NURSE.

*To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."*

DEAR MADAM,—I have read with great interest—as indeed I read everything written by Dr. Knyvett Gordon—the article on "The Position of the Isolation Hospital in the Training of the Nurse," and the letter which followed it in the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING. I do not think the importance of the smaller isolation hospitals, as affording opportunities for training, has been grasped, as it should be. For one reason because there is little or no co-ordination between the general and special hospitals, and because the importance of knowledge of branches which cannot be obtained in the general hospitals, is not as a rule impressed on probationers. The unspoken opinion, as regards the general hospitals, by many responsible for the training of nurses is: "What we cannot teach is not worth learning," and this attitude is quickly adopted by probationers to their own great loss. If they were encouraged to regard a knowledge of infectious nursing as greatly to be desired, they would quickly make efforts to obtain it.

It is sometimes asserted that nurses cannot afford to take special training after spending three years in a general hospital, but many nurses prefer institutional work entirely, and for those who contemplate private nursing a knowledge of infectious work is most essential.

A difficulty, I own, is the unsatisfactory teaching in some—I am afraid I must say many—of the smaller isolation hospitals. Here, again, the large general hospitals might do much for both patients and pupils, if they would take the position of centres for groups of affiliated hospitals. If such affiliated institutions selected their matrons from the certificated nurses of the central hospital, continuity of teaching might be secured throughout, and probationers be interchanged to the mutual benefit of all concerned. I can speak from experience of the excellent work in well managed fever hospitals. I had had six years' experience in two London hospitals when I was appointed charge nurse in a fever hospital, and had nursed many cases of typhoid fever, but I never really understood what it could be like till I had seen the cases admitted to that fever hospital. All the worst ones seem to gravitate to the special hospitals somehow. I don't understand why it should be so, but so it is.—

Yours faithfully, CHARGE NURSE.

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