

mensely interested in it. What a charming idea! A Living History of Nursing! Cannot we have something like it at our International Meeting at Cologne?

"If you have not settled the personification of our Journal, *Unterm Lazarus-kreuz* (we have, time is pressing), I think it might be a very simple thing. I should like it to be a very young girl with golden hair hanging down her back and shoulders, in a white gown or silver grey, quite plain, and on the breast and back the large red Lazarus cross (this will be worn). You know our colours are black, white, and red, so she could have a black belt, and perhaps black, white, and red ribbons. You see our Journal is not yet full grown, but very young and meek and simple. How I envy you for the splendid idea and interesting task of organising the Masque. We in Germany love so much the symbolising of beautiful things. If only I could see it! But do keep all the costumes for Cologne, and if all your players cannot come we must find a way to manage that every country does part of it. I am sure all would enjoy it, and History become alive would just go to their hearts."

As the International Congress of Nurses in 1912 is to be held in the magnificent Gürzenich at Cologne, and is to be welcomed by the Municipality, what a prospect of a great Historical Pageant of Nursing appeals to the imagination. Yes, let each country present its part. Miss Mollett's wonderful words are worthy of translation into many tongues.

Our Favourite Novel Prize.

The Five Shilling Prize for the Favourite Novel of the Year has been won by Miss A. Gertrude Layton, Assistant to the Superintendent of School Nurses, London County Council, who selected "The Dop Doctor," by Richard Dehan, an opinion in which she is supported by 14 competitors.

Namely:—E. Wright, Camberwell; P. Long, Peterborough; E. McLennon, London; M. Best, Brighton; C. Emery, Lincoln;—Dalglish, London; E. T. B. Wright, Preston; M. Vernon, Manchester; E. Macfarlane, London; P. Douglas, Edinburgh; A. Tomkins, Liverpool; A. Denny, Dublin; M. Trew, Bristol; F. Mayhew, Canterbury.

"The Doctor's Lass," by Edward C. Booth, came in a good second with thirteen votes. "The Rest Cure," by H. B. Maxwell, gained nine votes; "The Other Side," by Horace Vachell, eight votes; "Bracken," by John Trevenna, seven votes; "An Affair of Dishonour," by William de Morgan, six votes;

"According to Maria," by Mrs. John Lane, five votes; "Anne of Green Gables," by L. M. Montgomery, five votes; "Aunt Jane of Kentucky," by Eliza Calvert Hall, five votes; "I Will Maintain," by Marjorie Bowen, five votes; "A Large Room," by Mrs. Dudeney, two votes; "Through the Chrysalis," two votes; "None Other Gods," by Robert Hugh Benson, two votes; "The Creators," by May Sinclair, two votes; "Fraternity," by John Galsworthy, two votes; and the following novels one vote each:—"Early Victorian," by G. S. Tallentyre; "Rancher Cartaret," by Harold Bindless; "A Marriage Under the Terror," by Patricia Wentworth; "Molly of Scotland Yard," by Baroness Orczy; and "The Tower of Ivory," by Gertrude Atherton.

It would seem that our readers are greatly influenced in their choice of novels by those reviewed in the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, as few novels are mentioned a review of which has not appeared. On the whole a very pretty discretion in literature is shown, and we are specially glad to know that "A Doctor's Lass" was so widely appreciated, as we consider it the finest novel from a literary point of view which appeared in 1910.

HOW TO SUCCEED AS A PRIVATE NURSE.

The Five Shilling Prize will be awarded next week for the best little article, from 300 to 500 words, on "How to Succeed as a Private Nurse."

As many excellently trained nurses fail in this particular we hope some wise suggestions as to the reasons of success will be forthcoming. The general public forms its opinion of nursing as a profession from its association with private nurses, and we all know how much prejudice exists in the public mind in connection with it, as we also know how grateful and appreciative it can be of the untiring service and devotion of individual private nurses. We look forward to quite a number of little papers in the forthcoming competition.

The Irish Nurses' Association.

The Irish Nurses' Association held its first meeting of 1911 on January 7th, at which the usual routine business was transacted. Several Matrons from Dublin will attend and take part in the Nursing Pageant to be held in London on February 18th, and the green bannerette of the Irish Nurses' Association will be carried by an Irish nurse in the National Council of Nurses Section in Procession 4—Nursing and the Community.

The great St. Bridget of Kildare will be impersonated by a trained nurse in London, who hails from that beautiful Irish county.

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