

Self pleading for what Self wants—not a worldly Self remember, but a consecrated Self, longing to work for the Master, but in the way of its own choosing—not *His*.

I said, "Let me walk in the fields."

He said, "No, walk in the town."

I said, "There are no flowers there."

He said, "No flowers, but a crown."

I said, "But the sky is black;

There is nothing but noise and din."

He wept as He answered back,

"There is more," He said, "there is sin."

I said, "But the air is thick,

And fogs are veiling the sun."

He said, "But souls are sick,

And souls in the dark undone."

I said, "I shall miss the light,

And friends will miss me, they say."

He answered, "Choose to-night

If I shall miss you, or they."

I pleaded for time to be given.

He said, "Is it hard to decide;

It will not seem hard in Heaven

To have followed the steps of your Guide."

Lectures on Milk.

A course of six lectures on Milk, followed by practical work on the subject, will be delivered at the South-Western Polytechnic Institute, Manresa Road, Chelsea, S.W. (near Chelsea Town Hall), by Dr. A. Harden, F.R.S. (of the Lister Institute), on Thursday evenings, at 7.30 o'clock, commencing February 2nd, 1911.

SYLLABUS.

The Chief Properties of Milk.—The Constituents of Milk. Milk-sugar, Fat, Proteins, Salts. Specific Gravity. Analysis of Milk. Detection of Adulteration. Effect of Heat on Milk. Dietetic Value of Milk.

Bacteria in Milk.—General Life History of Bacteria. Methods of Detection, Enumeration, and Isolation. Mode of Reproduction and Nutrition. Occurrence in Air, Water, and Soil, and in the Animal Body. The Nature and Source of the Bacteria in Milk. Suspended Matter in Milk. Bacteriological Standards of Purity.

Changes Produced in Milk by Bacteria.—Curdling of Milk by Acid and by Rennet. Influence of Temperature and Preservatives.

Spread of Disease by Milk.—Diphtheria. Scarlet Fever. Typhoid. Summer Diarrhoea. Tuberculosis. Tracing of Epidemics to Milk Supply.

Preventive Measures.—Importance of Cleanliness. Refrigeration. Methods of Distribution. Sterilised and Pasteurised Milk.

A Practical Class will be held immediately after the Lecture.

The fee for the course is 2s. 6d.

The Nursing Masque.

The National Council of Trained Nurses and their friends will learn with gratification that the Right Hon. the Lord Ampthill, G.C.I.E., Chairman of the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses, has accepted the office of Patron of the Registration Reunion organised under their authority to be held at the Connaught Rooms on February 18th. The nursing profession owes more than it at present realises to the sympathetic championship of its legitimate aspirations by this great statesman. Lord Ampthill has accepted a copy of the Masque written by Miss Mollett.

One good result of presenting the Evolution of Trained Nursing in spectacular form, is that dozens of nurses are diving into the history of their profession, and realising their profound ignorance on this most interesting subject.

For instance, we had occasion to consult Dr. Anna Hamilton, of Bordeaux, on the material of which the costume of figure 23, page 266 (a plague physician or attendant), which appears in her Thesis on Nursing, and this is her instructive reply: "The material is *Maroquin du Levant*, that is of Oriental leather, therefore reddish brown or yellowish brown, just as leather may have been prepared. It is not probably scarlet, for though medical professors wear magenta gowns now in France (law professors wear scarlet), the doctors in olden times wore black gowns. Rabelais' gown is still shown at the Faculté of Montpellier, and it is black, and he died in 1553."

Dr. Anna Hamilton's letter ends: "The editorial staff of *La Garde Malade Hospitalière* wishes to subscribe 25 francs towards the expenses incurred for the Nursing Pageant. I enclose a post office order for the same."

We greatly value this evidence of goodwill from Bordeaux, and have pleasure in accepting it. *La Garde Malade* will appear amongst the little flock of professional journals, led by Miss M. Breay, as sub-editor of this journal, who will wear as their distinctive badges very pretty many coloured feather pens; so we shall pay for the bannerette to be carried by Miss Breay, inscribed "Mightier than the Sword," with this most welcome subscription from our kind friends in France. We specially appreciate their sympathy, as we did that sent from Germany by Sister Karll last week.

The Pageant Secretary is beginning to be very busy with the sale of tickets, and she will be grateful if everyone who intends to take tickets will do so as early as possible, so as to prevent a great rush of work, as the date of

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