

music which blended with the whisper of the leaves as they softly rustled in the evening air. Even in her room the lullaby still reached her, suggesting peace and sleep. She was ready, indeed, to have a good night's rest if she could get it. But she had barely begun to make those few magic touches which nightly transformed her sanctum into a bedroom when a knock came at the door."

With the knock is associated the story of the heroine, Katherine O'Neill. We have met her type before, but frankly we have never come across quite such a cad as the Surgical Registrar.

The Duke of Devonshire opens the new extension of the Nightingale Nursing Home at Derby on Friday, August 4th, when the Duchess of Devonshire is to present purses, badges, and Bibles to the nurses.

The authorities of the Kingston Infirmary, in appointing a new Night Superintendent, have decided that she shall take eight months' night duty and four months' day duty during the year, and think and hope that the arrangement will be satisfactory. Eight months is quite long enough for anyone to be on night duty at a stretch, and the new arrangement should work well.

Among the thirty English guests at the Consulate at Ispahan, at the dinner in honour of the Coronation, were three British nurses. Both the men's and the women's hospital are at present in charge of Dr. Emmeline Stuart, who, it will be remembered, read a most interesting paper at the International Congress of Nurses in London in 1899. For a long time Dr. Stuart was without the assistance of a nurse, but, as we recently reported, one has now gone out to her.

At a meeting recently held in Pretoria Lady Gladstone explained at length the aims and objects of the King Edward VII. Memorial Fund for an Order of Nurses. The two schemes most favoured as a memorial were those for the establishment of Sanatoria, and of the Order of Nurses, and the numerical preponderance in favour of the latter scheme was unquestionable and overwhelming. Exclusive of nurses who were paid employees of institutions, there were in 1910, in the whole of the Union, only 64 general nurses with midwifery qualifications, and 122 with general qualifications. This, said Lady Gladstone, was utterly inadequate, and the position was made worse by the way in which they were distributed through the country. Districts of the Trans-

vaal with 200,000 possessed no registered nurses at all with the double qualification, and not more than six with general qualifications. That showed what a number of people had to go through critical times without nursing, and how heavy the work of the doctors was made. The first chance of joining the Order will be given to nurses residing in the Union. It is hoped that more of the women and girls of the country will take up nursing, and also that the training facilities, which are at present insufficient, will be increased.

In a letter received from Miss Nutting, a Director of the Department of Nursing and Health, Teachers' College, New York, she writes:—"A recent mail brought me the programme of the Pageant and Masque, and I am seizing the first comparatively free moment to offer you my warm and sincere, though belated, congratulations upon the beautiful and impressive working out of your idea. The fineness of the original conception, and the way in which it was embodied by Miss Mollett's genius, has moved us to profound admiration. I have placed a programme in our students' reading-room, and should be very glad if we could secure more copies. I hope this is possible." More copies have been sent with pleasure.

Accompanying the latest announcements of the department over which she presides, Miss Nutting writes:—"We have a much greater problem here in developing the work than appears to the ordinary observer, and to establish a really vital connection between training school, hospital, and college is a task which one only has to attempt to realise the numberless difficulties entailed. I never so fully realised how far our system of education stands apart from other educational work as I have since trying to adjust the one to the other. We are, however, making progress, and each year is bringing more students who are filled with a desire to carry back into the training school methods of teaching which have proved effective in other fields of education.

"We have all enjoyed having Miss Rundle, the Isla Stewart Scholar, with us very much. She is very popular with everybody and is an admirable student. I hope she has enjoyed her work, and that it will perhaps prove helpful in some measure in the working out of those plans which the devoted body of women who have sent her here had in mind in so doing."

The report to the Colonial Office of Sir J. H. Stewart Lockhart, K.C.M.G., Commissioner for the territory of Wei-Hai-Wei for the year

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