

age, she dutifully thought of her eldest sister, whom she vaguely remembered, and she could not have enjoyed a Christmas Day sermon without an allusion to empty chairs.

Mrs. Wrottesley's failing health was a subject for firm treatment from her spouse. If he could get rid of a heavy cold and feel quite himself for Christmas day his wife would surely pick up in health as soon as the warm weather should come. "Master your health," he said, in a tone of muscular Christianity, "and it won't master you, eh, Mamma?"

We await patiently another "Lame Dog."

H. H.

COMING EVENTS.

November 24th.—The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland. The Isla Stewart Oration. Delivered by Miss R. Cox-Davies on "Isla Stewart, her Life, and Influence on the Nursing Profession," supported by Miss Annie Damer, past President of the American Nurses' Association, and Mrs. May Wright Sewall, of the United States, Founder of The International Council of Women. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick in the Chair. The Council Chamber, the Guildhall, City of London. 8.30 p.m.

November 25th.—Nurses' Missionary League Sale of Work, Sloane Gardens House, 52, Lower Sloane Street, 9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

November 25th.—League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses. General Meeting. Clinical Theatre, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C. 2.30 p.m. Social Gathering, 4 p.m.

November 28th.—League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses. Lecture IV.: "The Cathedrals of England." York, Lincoln, Durham. Mr. Allen Walker. 8 p.m.

November 28th.—Guy's Hospital Nurses' League. Lecture: "New Methods of Treatment in the Eye Wards." Mr. W. Anderson, M.B. Ophthalmic Assistant, Guy's Hospital. 8 p.m.

December 1st.—Irish Nurses' Association, 34, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin. Lecture: "Poisons," by Mr. W. Taylor, F.R.C.S.I.

December 6th.—Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh. Lecture: "The Significance of Pain in Diseases of the Female Pelvic Organs," by Dr. W. Fordyce. Extra-mural Medical Theatre. 4.30 p.m. Trained nurses cordially invited.

WORD FOR THE WEEK.

"We are not the party of privilege; it is my aim, as it was the aim of Disraeli throughout his long life, to be the party not of a class, but of the nation. We realise as strongly as any man that the greatness of a nation does not depend upon the trade, but upon the character of its people. But we know that character cannot be formed except under good social conditions."

Mr. Bonar Law at Leeds.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

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 NURSING OF ADENOIDS.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I hope "throat" nurses noticed an important item in the letter from your foreign subscriber last week. She states that after operations on the throat the patients "are kept almost sitting in bed, and on one side, so that any blood will flow into the mouth instead of into the stomach, which might be unperceived." This is the practice in the hospital of which I am matron, and it is considered very satisfactory.

Yours,

COTTAGE HOSPITAL MATRON.

NOTICES.

THE ISLA STEWART ORATION.

Guests are invited to be in their seats by 8.30 p.m., as the Meeting will begin punctually at that time. The doors will be opened at 8 p.m.

A full report of the Isla Stewart Oration will be published in next week's issue of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, which is the official organ of the National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland, under the authority of which the Oration has been instituted.

A REGISTRATION BADGE.

The suggestion that members of the Society for State Registration of Trained Nurses should have a badge is meeting with support. Letters held over on this subject for want of space will appear next week. Opinions should be expressed on post cards, sent to the editor.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS FOR DECEMBER.

December 2nd.—Describe the common causes and symptoms of Headaches, and how can they be relieved?

December 9th.—What symptoms would lead you to suspect venereal disease in the newly-born infant?

December 16th.—What precautions should be observed in nursing a case of enteric fever to prevent infection?

December 23rd.—What are the causes of Transverse Presentations? Name the modes of Natural Delivery?

December 30th.—Describe the Rôle of Insects in the production of Disease?

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