

THE LEAGUE OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL NURSES.

A course of six lectures on Florentine Painting, arranged by the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, will be given by Beckwith A. Spencer, Esq., in the Medical and Surgical Theatre, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C.

On Tuesdays, at 8.15 p.m. :—

January 27th.—"Conditions in Italy in the 13th Century and in Greece in the Classic Age Compared"; *February 3rd.*—"The Age of Faith"; *February 10th.*—"The Age of Enquiry"; *February 17th.*—"The Humanistic Movement and the Religious Revival under Savonarola."

On Thursdays, at 6 p.m. :—

February 26th.—"The Age of Accomplishment"; *March 5th.*—"The Age of Decline."

The lectures will be illustrated by lantern views, and special reference will be made to examples in the London Galleries. *Tickets.* For the course: Members of the League, 3s. 6d.; Non-Members, 7s. 6d.; for a single lecture, 1s. 6d. Apply to Mrs. Andrews, 31, Cotterill Road, Tolworth, Surbiton.

LECTURES ON SOCIAL PROBLEMS.

An interesting course of six lectures on social problems, for women only, has been arranged by the Criminal Law Amendment Committee, to be held at the Kingsway Hall on alternate Thursdays, beginning on January 22nd, at 5.30 p.m.

The lecturers include such well-known women as Miss Cicely Hamilton, Miss L. Martindale, M.D., Miss Wakefield, Miss Margaret McMillan, Mrs. Colonel Fisher, S.A., and Miss L. Eckenstein. The syllabus and tickets (price 2s. 6d., 1s., and 6d.) may be obtained from the Secretary of the above Committee, 19, Tothill Street, S.W.

Those interested in Social Problems will find much information as to the best administrative methods of dealing with them in *The Shield* (price 3d.), published quarterly by the International Abolitionist Federation, 19, Tothill Street, S.W.

THE PASSING BELL.

We are officially informed of the death of Miss Crossland, for twenty-one years (from 1875-96) Home Sister at St. Thomas' Hospital, to which office she was appointed by Miss Nightingale. The office of Sister of the Nightingale Home at St. Thomas' is a very responsible one, as the theoretical teaching and discipline of the Nightingale probationers rests largely with her. During Miss Crossland's term of office many of those afterwards holding high positions in the Nursing world passed through her hands. On her resignation Miss Crossland was presented by members of the nursing staff with an album and a cheque for £80, and the Council made her a retiring allowance of £50 a year. In spite of her close connection with the hospital it is a curious fact that although her death occurred on November 25th last, it was not until this pension became due that the authorities at St. Thomas' Hospital learnt of its occurrence.

NURSING ECHOES.

GENERAL NEWS.

A most enjoyable evening was spent by those who accepted the invitation of the Nursing and Resident Staff of Charing Cross Hospital to an At Home on Wednesday, January 7th. The entertainment provided is always of the best on these occasions. Mr. Charles Capper and Mr. Barclay Gammon are old friends, and Mr. Oswald Stoll, of the Coliseum, is most generous in allowing many of the popular artistes who have engagements there to appear; amongst them Miss Margaret Cooper, whose songs were greatly appreciated, "The Follies," who fooled most pleasantly and cleverly, and Little Violet Kemplen, the smallest ballet dancer in the world. Miss M. Heather-Bigg, the Matron, was, as usual, most genial and kind, and, after the entertainment, there was much pleasant intercourse, while the Assistant Matron and others dispensed tea and coffee of special excellence before the guests took their leave.

The Nurses' Christmas Party at St. John's House, Queen Square, Bloomsbury, is always a very friendly and sociable gathering. This year a great feature was the impersonation of well-known books by members of the staff. "Under Two Flags" was so evident that most of those present guessed rightly, but most proved very difficult of solution. Dancing was keenly enjoyed, and supper, of the good old-fashioned sort, was served in the nurses' dining-room, the tables being charmingly decorated.

The popularity of the Kensington Gardens Nurses' Club is evidenced by its constantly growing membership, and the Principal, Miss B. Cave, is to be heartily congratulated on the pleasant party which marked the first anniversary on Thursday in last week.

Miss Cave is herself a fully trained nurse, certified midwife and certificated masseuse, and thus thoroughly understands what is needed to make nurses comfortable.

Two such well decorated houses as Nos. 56 and 57, Kensington Gardens Square, W., hardly needed the special pains taken in effectively placing fresh flowers, well chosen and arranged, to win the admiration of doctors and friends, who assembled in strong force. Nothing was forgotten, and the uniform of the clerks, who wore their smart overalls with the armet "office," at once revealing their identity, was much commended. The guests

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