

"LA DAME À LA LAMPE."

We have received the first number of *La Dame à la Lampe*, the Bulletin of the Florence Nightingale Training School for Nurses at Bordeaux. In its pretty blue cover, with a graceful statue of the Lady of the Lamp in an oval medallion, it is a most attractive publication, and we sincerely wish it a successful future as successor to the *Garde Malade*.

Dr. Anna Hamilton, in her foreword, pays a tribute to the work of the modern Lady of the Lamp since the outbreak of war in August, 1914. In the hospitals, in the ambulances, at the base, and at the front, of all countries and all tongues having only one end, one desire—to comfort, if not to heal, the soldier who is the victim of duty performed. But now that the war is over nurses wish for regular news of their hospital, of their former colleagues. This periodical is the response to these wishes, and it aims at being a bond of union between the certificated nurses of the school, a means of instruction for those who care for the sick, and an organ of the principles of reform in the hospital and of nursing care in France.

May *La Dame à la Lampe*, says Dr. Hamilton, always dissipate darkness, and fulfil its mission to lessen suffering, and to struggle against disease.

The Bulletin contains a department on practical questions, and a foreign department in addition to interesting articles, and news of the School.

COMING EVENTS.

February 17th.—General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Meeting, Ministry of Health, Whitehall, S.W. 2.30 p.m.

February 18th.—Association of Trained Nurses in Public Health Work. Conference on "The Position of the Trained Nurse in Public Health Work." R.B.N.A. Club, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W. 3 p.m.

February 18th.—National Union of Trained Nurses. Annual Meeting, London Branch, 4 p.m., and General Meeting of Members, 5 p.m. Midwives' Institute, 12, Buckingham Street, Strand, W.C.2. Tea 4.30 p.m.

February 20th.—Visit of H.R.H. Princess Beatrice to Birmingham, to General Hospital, and Jaffray Branch Hospital.

February 20th and 21st.—Entertainment Teas at the Hospital arranged by the Nursing Staff in aid of the Birmingham General Hospital.

February 20th.—Irish Matrons' Association Meeting, 34, St. Stephen's Green. 5 p.m.

February 23rd.—Monthly Meeting, Central Midwives Board.

February 24th and 25th.—The Royal Sanitary Institute. Sessional Meeting. Discussion on "The Limitations of Bacteriology in connection with Public Health Work" and "Hospital Management and Treatment of Infectious Diseases." Town Hall, Leeds. 7 p.m.

February 25th.—The Matrons' Council Annual Meeting. London Temperance Hospital, Hampstead Road, N.W. 3 p.m.

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

One of Queen Mary's presents to the Princess Mary will be a beautifully illuminated copy of the marriage service.

This specially illuminated copy, which will be used by the Princess at the service is being designed and executed by Mr. Henry Donald, headmaster of the Southbury-road School, Ponders End.

At the commencement of the book are the arms of the Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles, carefully supervised by the Royal College of Arms.

Anyone who has seen the lovely illuminated Address, designed by this wonderful artist, presented to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick upon the passing of the Nurses' Registration Act, will agree that the selection of Mr. Henry Donald by the Queen has been a very fortunate one. The work entrusted to him is sure to be carried out most exquisitely.

The King has decided to make public a further instalment of the Letters of Queen Victoria, in continuation, and on the lines, of the former volume published in 1907. The task of editing the new series has been entrusted to Mr. G. E. Buckle, sometime editor of *The Times*.

The widespread interest aroused by the publication, under King Edward's authority, of "The Letters of Queen Victoria," which was a selection from Her Majesty's correspondence from 1837 to the death of the Prince Consort in 1861, naturally led the public to hope for a continuance of the work. Down to the time of the war, considerations of State rendered this inadvisable; but the great changes in the political condition of Europe which have since taken place have removed some of the most serious obstacles.

Mme. Curie, the discoverer of radium, has been elected a Member of the Academy of Medicine.

Mme. Curie will be the first woman elected a member by any Academy of France during the last 150 years. The old Royal Academy of Painting admitted women, and one of its members was the charming Mme. Vigée-Lebrun, the painter.

It need hardly be said that the great radiologist enjoys the unqualified admiration of her future colleagues, the opposition to her election hitherto having been solely to her as a woman.

Thus the recognition of her genius is a victory over sex prejudice in a new France.

A WORD FOR THE WEEK.

"I know of no more encouraging fact than the unquestionable ability of man to elevate his life by a conscious endeavour. It is something to be able to paint a particular picture or to carve a statue, and so to make a few objects beautiful; but it is far more glorious to carve and paint the very atmosphere and medium through which we look, which morally we can do."—*Thoreau*.

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