

with colour in its curative aspect there are four temperaments to be considered. There are the choleric and the sanguine temperaments and suitable colours for curative purposes for these are to be found in the advancing colours such as yellow and red. The inactive, phlegmatic and melancholic temperaments require blue or blue-green, but these only that the complementary colour may be evoked and the impulse to activity given on the one hand and passivity on the other. But an individual is not fixed in any one of these temperaments, and a choleric person may, for example, be affected in the digestive system. Then the position becomes very complicated, and only a profound knowledge of physiology and psychology can say what should be done. We have also to get a real understanding of the nature of man as a spiritual being before colour can be used to its full extent as a curative agent; unless such understanding is achieved experiments in colour treatment may very readily end in disaster. With this note of warning Mr. Norton closed his lecture, which had proved exceedingly interesting, and which was illustrated by many diagrams, blackboard drawings and certain experiments.

At the close of the lecture Baron Rosenkrantz referred to the help which he himself had received, in connection with his painting, from a study of the theories upon which Mr. Norton had touched. Several nurses asked questions which led up to a lengthy discussion which, unfortunately, owing to the limitations of space, we are unable to report.

Mrs. Norton has very kindly invited any nurses, who care to, to go to her house on the evening of June 19th to see her husband's paintings and to continue, if they wish, the discussion commenced on Saturday. Those who wish to accept her invitation should write as soon as possible to inform the Secretary of this.

#### A NOVEL TEA-PARTY.

Mr. Paterson has again this year issued invitations to a "Gastric Tea" at the London Temperance Hospital. This will take place on Saturday, 24th inst. at 4 p.m. When tea is over there will be a musical and dramatic entertainment by members of the Nursing Staff of the Temperance Hospital. The principal guests will be those upon whom Mr. Paterson, at one time or another, operated for gastric trouble. Major Rigg, its Chairman, has promised to attend and other guests have also been invited. We confess to a certain anxiety as to Mr. Paterson's design in this when we remember the sumptuous hospitality at certain anniversary gatherings in connection with Queen Alexandra's Hospital for Officers. However, we advise all who are fortunate enough to receive an invitation to take the risk of entering the category of privileged (?) individuals who possess the special qualification which entitles one to an annual invitation to Mr. Paterson's "Gastric tea."

#### THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will take place at 194, Queen's Gate, W. 7, on Friday, June 30th, at 5.30 p.m. Her Royal Highness the Princess Christian, President of the Corporation, has graciously intimated her intention to preside, which will give the greatest pleasure to the members.

Tea will be served in the drawing-room at 4.30 p.m.

#### R.B.N.A. MEMBERS AND THE WAIFS AND STRAYS.

We shall be glad to hear from members who will help us again this year in selling flags in aid of the Homes for Waifs and Strays. The day on which we ask them to do this kindness to the children is July 6th, and the R.B.N.A. Nurses will sell their flags in Queen's Gate.

#### THE HOLMES CHARACTER PRIZE.

There has been established at the Scottish Corporation Schools, Bushey, a prize to be given annually and to be known as the "Holmes Character Prize," to commemorate the name of Miss Jessie Holmes. The prize is to be given to the best girl and boy and the judges who are to make the award are to be the children of the schools. We congratulate Miss Holmes.

#### WEDDING.

Miss Kathleen Mary Dunne is to be married to Mr. Thomas Gordon Rodd on Saturday, June 17th. After the wedding ceremony there will be a reception at the Royal British Nurses' Association Club, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W. 7.

#### GIFTS TO THE CLUB.

Miss Anderson, flowers and eggs; Miss Bennett, flowers; Miss Bielby, flowers; Miss Bishop, flowers and cakes; Miss Coates, cream; Mrs. Hayes Palmer, flowers; Miss Lawson, theatre tickets; Miss Leith, concert tickets; Miss Rowan, flowers; Mrs. Thomson, flowers.

#### A VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY.

Modern languages are very much neglected in the education of girls offering themselves as probationers, and as in the future competition will soon pass over those who can only speak their native language, we draw the attention of nurses to the following announcement in the hope that it may encourage those who have time to avail themselves of the valuable teaching at a nominal cost. Fee, Summer Session, 3s. 6d. only.

The London County Council Modern Language Classes for Adults are still being successfully conducted by able native professors. These classes are intended to benefit men and women who are unable to attend the Council's Evening Institutes. They are held in the afternoon and the early part of the evening at Kingsway Hall, and at the Wild Street School, Keeley Street, Kingsway.

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