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## LECTURE.

### THE MENTAL ATTITUDE IN PRIVATE NURSING.

On Wednesday, October 24th, at 3 p.m., Miss A. E. Macdonald will give an address on "The Mental Attitude in Private Nursing." We have arranged the Lecture for 3 p.m. on the above-mentioned date, as we think that this will be the hour most convenient for private nurses. We trust, however, that the audience will not be confined to private nurses only, as Miss Macdonald has made a very exhaustive study of psychology and all that pertains to mental hygiene, so that her remarks should prove very generally useful to others besides private nurses. Miss Macdonald's popularity as a lecturer and writer on these subjects is rapidly growing, and she is coming up to fulfil various important engagements. She is anxious that the lecture on the 24th should be more of the nature of a "talk," because she believes that then we should have discussion afterwards, and a helpful interchange of views. We trust, therefore, that those who intend to be present will think of points which we can usefully discuss, and if they will do so we ought to have quite a profitable afternoon.

Tea will be provided after the lecture at the cost of one shilling.

### THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

The Dramatic Society is commencing its rehearsals once more, and we hope to be able to produce "The Merchant of Venice" during November. But before this happens a great deal of very hard work lies before us. It is not only that we have to get through a very considerable number of long rehearsals, but all sorts of "properties" have to be collected, and we shall be so very glad if readers of the *Journal* will help us in any way they can, in order that the play may prove a great success. To commence with, a certain amount of stage scenery will be required, and we think we can arrange to have this painted, but in connection with other "properties" matters are more difficult, and we shall be very glad to hear from nurses who will help in making parts of the dramatic wardrobe required. There is still another way in which they can help us even more, and

that is by sending up all sorts of bright-coloured materials or trinkets, of which we require a large number. Many nurses have friends who have large houses, and who have bright-coloured curtains, velvets and silks which are no longer modern, or for some other reason have become more or less useless for their original purpose; such things would be of the utmost value in the preparation of the rather "splendiferous" wardrobe demanded by "The Merchant." We ask members, therefore, to put on their thinking caps and to consider how they can help towards making this new activity of the Association a success and worthy of the very hard work which members and friends are weekly putting into the rehearsals. Just as we go to press we have received from Miss Carson Rae a splendid gift of all sorts of trinkets, including strings of pearls, buckles, beads, and a fine old Italian necklace in Italian filigrèe. This surprise packet has pretty well in itself completed our stock of jewels, but we want lots of feathers and velvets and bright-coloured cloth to meet the requirements of the various characters.

### GIFTS TO THE CLUB.

Miss E. Collins, Miss I. Collins, Miss Crimmins, Miss Howard, Miss Pilke, Miss Swaby Smith, Miss Whyte, flowers; Miss Goodrich, Devonshire cream; Miss Morris, bulbs.

### THE SALE OF WORK.

We shall be very glad if Members of the Association, living in London, will undertake to dress a few dolls for the Sale of Work, to be held in aid of the Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund early in December. We have a number of undressed dolls at the office, and we shall be very glad if those who can find time to help us will call at the office for them.

We thank the nurses very warmly for all the nice gifts which are now beginning to arrive. We know that each is the result of very considerable trouble, of many hours given up from days that are already full enough, but if the nurses could read some of the letters we receive from those who are receiving annuities they would feel that their labour had not been in vain. In helping this fund, too, they feel that the money arising from

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