

THE AMERICAN NURSES' ASSOCIATION BULLETIN.

The A.N.A. publishes monthly a four sheet leaflet full of pithy items of news and advice. Read the following quotes:—

Board Members in the News.

Miss Elnora E. Thomson, president, following a reorganization at the University of Oregon that places the department of nursing education in the medical school, announces her new address as Department of Nursing Education, University of Oregon Medical School, Marquam Hill, Portland. Major Julia C. Stimson, superintendent of the Army Nurse Corps, returned from Paris on the *Ile de France*, after representing the nurses of America at the dedication of a new nurses' home erected jointly by the French government and the American Committee for Devastated France. President LeBrun of France, Major Stimson and Mlle. Jeanne de Joannis, official head of the new school, took part in the exercises.

Personal Contact with Other Groups Valuable.

Personal contact is a far more potent factor in developing public opinion than the most carefully wrought and elaborately executed written publicity program. "Nightingale Week" supports this statement.

Creator of "Little Women" was a Nurse.

"Hospital Sketches," a few short stories of her experiences as a hospital nurse during the Civil War, met with sufficient local success to lead Louisa May Alcott to a career as a popular writer. At the outbreak of the war, Miss Alcott, then 29 years old, went as a nurse in the Washington hospital. She was forced to return to her home on account of severe illness and there, upon her recovery, did her first writing for publication. The next year she went on a trip to Europe as a companion to an invalid.

The hundredth anniversary of Miss Alcott's birth will be celebrated this autumn. More than 1,500,000 copies of "Little Women" have been sold in the United States alone, and the book is still a favourite throughout the British Empire.

Student Pre-requisites: Cash Value to Hospital.

Students who enter Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing, Philadelphia, must not only be high school graduates but, beginning this autumn, must rank in the upper third of their class.

TRIBUTE PAID TO "FIRST AMERICAN ASEPTIC NURSE."

Sister Mary Xavier, of the Third Order of Saint Francis, called the first American nurse to use aseptic methods, was honoured at the meeting of the Catholic Hospital Association in Philadelphia, in June, at special exercises at St. Agnes Hospital in tribute to the late Dr. W. W. Keen, one of the fathers of American surgery. Dr. Keen at this hospital was the first American surgeon to use Lister's methods, and Sister M. Xavier assisted during a long period of years in developing and applying Dr. Keen's techniques. Sister M. Xavier has spent sixty of her more than eighty years in hospital service. She told the Rev. Alphonse M. Schwitalla, it is recorded in *Hospital Progress*, that during these early operations she wore a gingham apron over her habit. Dr. Keen wore a rubber apron.

THE MORAL JUDGMENT OF THE CHILD.*

BY JEAN PIAGET.

The Author of this wonderful book on Child Psychology certainly reveals to us how really ignorant we as a people are of the child mind, and by his gift of "coming down" to the child level at all ages he can show the mind of the child in its own sphere.

The treatise commences with "The Rules of the Game" actually the tracing of Marbles, this simple and popular game of all countries, in the minds of children of all ages, the rules which they accept, and the independence they manifest, from an early age according to the value that the marble has for them.

A child plays first from a "Motor" force, for movement, which soon becomes "Egocentric" he becomes engrossed in his own interests, then he accepts co-operation from others only on condition that they conform to his rules.

The valuable chapter on Adult Restraint and Moral Realism should be mastered by all who are entrusted with the training of children, it would be a revelation to many in its manifestations of Moral Behaviour and Judgment.

The book is very simply written and is full of interest, and to give the Author's words "The Child accepts every command coming from a respected person as a starting point of an obligatory rule."

The obligation to speak the truth, not to steal, etc., are all so many duties, which the child feels very deeply, they are commands coming from an adult and accepted by the child, right is to obey the will of an adult, wrong to have a will of one's own.

These points forcibly show us the importance in choosing suitable companions for the child at home and at school.

Co-operation and Justice in the child mind does not conform readily to the mind of experienced persons, and the Psychiatrist in this book must have exercised much patience in preparing so many examples of different ages and the degrees of punishment children reasonably think just and why? And these degrees are summed up:—

(1) It is wrong to betray an equal for the benefit of an adult.

(2) It is illegitimate to interfere with another's business.

We wish the book the success it deserves in the hands of the right people.

H. G. B.

MARRIAGE BELLS.

MARRIAGE OF DR. N. McLEOD MILLER AND MISS FRASER.

The wedding took place quietly at St. John's Church, Stafford, on Saturday, of Dr. Norman McLeod Miller, of Foregate House, Stafford, to Miss Christina Fraser, F.B.C.N., matron of Coton Hill Hospital. Only a few personal friends of the parties were present at the ceremony, which was performed by the Vicar (the Rev. L. H. Thomas). The bride has been matron at Coton Hill Institution for 26 years, and has been deservedly esteemed for her kindness and consideration to those under her charge. The bridegroom has been a medical practitioner for many years, 30 of which he has spent in the county town of Stafford, where he is known as a keen sportsman, as President of the Stafford Amateur Football League. Following the wedding ceremony a reception was held at Doxey.

We wish the bride and bridegroom a happy future.

Mrs. McLeod Miller is one of those women with a keen love of her profession who will, we feel sure, retain her interest in it after marriage. The attitude of so many nurses who marry, and from that day forth repudiate their professional status, is sad indeed.

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