

## MANSON HOUSE.

No one has done more to promote the world's health by his original work in connection with the malarial mosquito than the late Sir Patrick Manson, and it is a happy inspiration that the new home of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine, at 26, Portland Place, W., which is to be opened by the Prince of Wales on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, at 5.30 p.m., should bear his name—Manson House. It is a fitting tribute to his genius.

## WHAT TO READ.

"An Account of Tibet." By Ippolito Desideri. Edited by Filippo de Filippi.

"Margaret Outram, 1778-1862, Mother of the Bayard of India." By her great-granddaughter, Mary Frances Outram.

"The Fountain." By Charles Morgan.

"The Wave." By Virginia Woolf.

"No Escape." By Velia Ercole.

"Through the Box Office Window." By W. H. Leverton.

## SPRING.

"Pale crocuses have come before her,  
Wild birds her welcome sing;  
Ten thousand loving hearts adore her,  
The grey world's darling Spring."

"Spring the sweet spring, and the year's pleasant King."

"He who goeth into his garden to look for spiders and cobwebs, will doubtless find them; but he who goes out to seek a flower, may return to his house with one blooming in his bosom."

"Out of the Snow, the Snowdrop,  
Out of Death comes Life."—David Gray.

## COMING EVENTS.

## MARCH.

March 9th.—Fever Nurses' Association. Social Meeting at 194, Queen's Gate, S.W. Lecture by Miss Isabel Macdonald, Secretary of the Royal British Nurses' Association, on "The History of Nursing." 8 p.m.

March 12th.—The Matrons' Council of Great Britain. Council Meeting at the British College of Nurses. 3 p.m. Social Gathering to meet the new President after the business meeting, 39, Portland Place, London, W.

March 15th.—British College of Nurses. Lecture by Miss Evelyn Wilkins, B.A., Principal, Battersea Polytechnic Public Health Department, on "A Stimulus to Teaching." 5.30 p.m.

March 18th.—General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Monthly Meeting. 20, Portland Place, London, W. 2.30 p.m.

March 19th.—British College of Nurses. Monthly Meeting of Council. 39, Portland Place, London, W. 2.15 p.m.

## APRIL.

April 5th.—British College of Nurses. Meeting of Nurses convened by the College together with the Royal British Nurses' Association. To consider the Report of *The Lancet* Commission on Nursing, 39, Portland Place, London, W. 5.30 p.m.

April 14th.—National Council of Nurses of Great Britain. Meeting of Executive Committee, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1. Morning Session 10.30 a.m.—12.30 p.m. Afternoon Session 2.30 p.m.—4.30 p.m.

## KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

## Up the Patient!

A very Happy Nurse writes: "I have had an opportunity of glancing through the Report of *The Lancet* Commission on Nursing, which no doubt contains recommendations calculated to appease the modern probationer's love of freedom and, may I add, personal comfort, but alas! from beginning to end I failed to notice any allusion to the only real inspiration which influences the type of woman who finds happiness and satisfaction in nursing the sick—and whose type is the only one the patients care to be nursed by. These women are drawn towards service in our hospitals, where whatever the conditions they find a deep sense of satisfaction and *real* happiness. To be permitted to run out at night, to smoke in bed, to command high salaries for untrained services, and generally to resent personal discipline, will not attract the type of probationer we so greatly need. We had been discussing some of the Report in our Sitting-room, when one probationer rose and exclaimed 'Up the patient, that's my motto.' 'And that's all there is to it,' chimed in another—and we were dancing to this chorus when Matron walked in and joined in the laughter. 'Up the patient, an excellent slogan,' she said, 'so long as it remains our inspiration, nursing is safe and sound.'"

[We approve highly of the spirit which inspired the exclamation.—Ed.]

## St. Valentine.

An affectionate old Pro., at Bart.'s in 1881, writes: "I am so puffed up with my pretty Valentine as never was! and the words are charming. Dr. Johnson says 'A friend may often be found and lost but an old friend can never be found and Nature has provided that he cannot easily be lost.' Don't you like that? and somewhere else he said twice to a younger person 'Keep your friendships in repair,' which is very sound too. Even letters don't keep up the same interest as a good solid 'crack' now and then. Then one starts afresh—and that is why I like to trundle off once or twice a year to be among the children and grandchildren of my old neighbours of ages ago, where yet the annals of old times linger and old jokes and experiences are carefully handed down . . . Farewell my dear old friend and thank you for your remembrance of your old Pro."

[All this old-world gratitude for a Valentine! The exchange of which is a charming custom which we hope to see revived. We love them and have a small collection of these lacy bygone trifles, and should be pleased to add to it if anyone wishes to part with really dainty or historic specimens.—Ed.]

We regret we have not space to publish the numerous letters received, a large number of approval—and one of disapproval—of our remarks on the raising of the salary of the Matron-in-Chief by the L.C.C. while a rebate is general throughout the service.

## NOTICE.

## The History of the International Council of Nurses, 1899-1925.

Those who wish to secure copies of *The History of the International Council of Nurses, 1899-1925* (illustrated), will do well to place their orders with Miss M. Breay, Hon. Treasurer, National Council of Nurses, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, as soon as possible. A very satisfactory sale has taken place during the past month. Price, 5s., post free.

## PRIZE COMPETITION FOR APRIL.

What is malnutrition? Among what classes is it principally prevalent? What are the causes and how should they be combated?

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