

WHAT TO READ.

- "The King and the Imperial Crown: The Powers and Duties of His Majesty," A. Berriedale Keith.
 "Marlborough: His Life and Times," Vol. III., Winston S. Churchill.
 "The Life of John Rushworth, Earl Jellicoe," Admiral Sir R. H. Bacon.
 "Rupert of the Rhine," George Edinger.
 "Letters of Henry VIII.," edited by M. St. Clare Byrne.
 "The King's Ladies: Charles II and His Ladies of Pleasure," Dorothy Ponsonby Senior.
 "The Kaiser and English Relations," E. F. Benson.
 "Fanny Burney," Christopher Lloyd.
 "Lord Halifax's Ghost Book." A Collection of Stories of Haunted Houses.

FICTION.

- "Maid of Honour," Magdalen King Hall.
 "August Folly," Angela Thirkell.
 "Gone with the Wind," Margaret Mitchell.
 "Father Struck it Rich," Evalyn Walsh McLean.
 "A Biography of Dublin," Christine Longford.

COMING EVENTS.

NOVEMBER.

November 18th.—The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain. Annual Meeting of Grand Council, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1. 2.30 p.m.

November 19th and 20th.—Nurses' Missionary League. Annual Sale of Work, 135, Ebury Street, London, S.W.1. 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

November 21st.—The British College of Nurses. Council Meeting, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1. 2.30 p.m.

November 24th.—Royal British Nurses' Association. Lecture by Mr. Ainsworth Davis, F.R.C.S., on "The Diagnosis and Treatment of some Common Diseases of the Bladder and Kidneys," 194, Queen's Gate, London, S.W. 3 p.m.

November 24th.—League of Fever Nurses, General Meeting, 3 p.m. Tea to Members and friends, 4—5 p.m. Lecture by Mr. Livesay Fowler on "The Spaniards in Mexico," 5 p.m., at the British College of Nurses, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1.

November 26th.—Meeting convened by Miss E. M. Musson of representatives of the Nursing Profession, to discuss the desirability or otherwise of establishing a second grade of nurses for the Chronic Sick, 20, Portland Place, London, W.1. 2.30 p.m.

November 27th.—General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Monthly Meeting, 20, Portland Place, London, W. 2.30 p.m.

November 28th.—Meeting of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain, House of the Royal British Nurses' Association, 194, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7. 3.30 p.m.

November 30th.—Nurses' Missionary League. A Quiet Day for Prayer and Meditation. The G.F.S. Chapel, Townsend House, Greycoat Place, Westminster, S.W. Further information from Miss H. Y. Richardson, 135, Ebury Street, London, S.W.1.

DECEMBER.

December 5th.—League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses. General Meeting, Lecture Room, Nurses' Home, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, E.C., 3 p.m.; preceded by a Short Service in the Church of St. Bartholomew the Less, at 2.30 p.m.

December 5th.—Fifty-fifth Quarterly Meeting, Mental Hospital Matrons' Association, Royal British Nurses' Association Club, 2.30 p.m., preceded by a meeting of the Executive Committee, 2 p.m. 194, Queen's Gate, London.

December 7th.—Royal British Nurses' Association. Birthday Party and Sale of Work, 194, Queen's Gate, London, S.W. 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not in ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.

A NIGHTINGALE BRICK IN CHINA.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

The Methodist General Hospital, Hankow.

DEAR EDITOR,—We have just returned from a most exciting nurses' conference which was really brilliant.

Being English, from an English training school, remembering the long hours and few nursing lectures given to us in my day, I couldn't help feeling thrilled at the great advance made in China.

Of course, from its beginning China has been more influenced by America than by Britain. The American nurses were more in number than the British. China was nearer to it, so more well-educated Chinese girls went there to train in nursing and the Peking College Hospital has steadily sent its nurse graduates there for years, so the present-day Chinese nurse leaders have the forward look of the best in American nursing.

In hospitals such as mine, we've tried to keep all the best of the good practical British system, while giving a better education to our nurses than we got ourselves in England in days gone by. From the start we have charged tuition fees and now we do not give any allowance at all during the four years' training.

China, with her great reverence for learning and education, responded well to this type of nursing education, and I am convinced that one reason for its rapid progress was that "Schools of Nursing" had to run as "schools."

Our nurses here still have an eight-hour day on duty, though many American hospitals give eight hours only for the second and third year and not the first as we do. The Government officials told us that they wished us to give at least one hour a week in Chinese literature, because the tendency is to throw over everything of the old, among the young Chinese.

We, fortunately, have a fine Chinese Chaplain in the hospital who was a university teacher in days gone by, and he has promised to teach this subject. All schools are to have at least one Sister Tutor on the staff from to-day, they told us. We saw the Nightingale brick at conference going into our new N.A.C. headquarters. I wish I dare ask for one for *our* new Nurses' Home we hope to build next year, but of course it is national and international interests and not local ones that should be given preference with the bricks I feel. We are finding it such a hard task to raise the money. New causes and social service things abound in China to-day, everyone seems to be building and improving and the nation is really financially very poorly off. However, "God will provide," we know.

With greetings to you all,

GLADYS E. STEPHENSON.

[We feel sure a "Nightingale Brick" will soon arrive at Hankow.—ED.]

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PRIZE COMPETITION QUESTION FOR DECEMBER.

What do you understand by the toxæmias of pregnancy? How may they arise and what are the principal forms and the nursing care required?

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