

WHAT TO READ.

MEMOIRS AND BIOGRAPHY.

"The History of the Coronation." Professor P. E. Schramm.

"18th Century London Life." Rosamund Bayne-Powell
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FICTION.

"Paradise." Esther Forbes.

"The Citadel." Cronin.

"Star Begotten." H. G. Wells.

"The Late George Apley." John P. Marquand.

HISTORY.

"Crowned King of England." Philip Lindsay.

"Queens and Princesses of Olden Days." Mary Teresa Fortescue.

"The Destiny of France." Alexander Werth.

TRAVEL.

"Mine Host America." The Earl of Cottenham.

"London the Unique City." Steen Eiler Rasmussen.

"Allah Dethroned: A Journey Through Modern Turkey." Lilo Linke.

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 REQUEST FROM A STUDENT NURSE IN U.S.A.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

MY DEAR EDITOR,—We, the freshman class of Brokaw Hospital School of Nursing, Normal, Illinois, through our course in History of Nursing, have become interested in the work carried on in the nursing schools in your country and in other countries.

We wonder if it would be possible to obtain a postal size picture, or snapshot, of one of your student nurses in uniform. Do you not think a picture collection, such as this, would be most interesting to have? We shall certainly appreciate any help you can give us in obtaining such a picture—if it is possible for you to do so.

I, myself, am especially interested in your public health administration. My very great ambition is to become a V.O.N. nurse when I return to my home in Vancouver, B.C.

How I should love to visit London's hospitals. Some day I shall do so! Doesn't the study of nursing history make you thrill to present and future progress?

I shall be so glad to hear from you whether or not you are able to secure the picture for us.

Yours very truly,
 (Miss) EDITH COLES.

The Freshman Class of Brokaw Hospital Student Nurses, Brokaw Hospital, Normal, Illinois, U.S.A.

[We commend this idea of these student nurses and shall be glad to hear from any student-nurses (probationers) in this country that they have noted Miss Coles' request and forwarded photographs of themselves in uniform, to her.—ED.]

A TREASURE BEYOND PRICE.

To the Editor, THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—We nurses who have been trained in modern hospitals appreciate their up-to-dateness and their convenience, but sometimes I feel envious of those hospitals with religious foundations and long traditions. Think of "the greatest treasure of St. Bartholomew's Hospital," on view at the Exhibition recently held there. Nothing less than the deed of Rahere—the wonderful monk who

founded and built not only the hospital itself, but the wonderful Church of St. Bartholomew's the Great near by—by which Rahere granted to Hagno, his successor as Master of the hospital, the Church of St. Sepulchre, with the seals affixed in his presence still attached. Is it fanciful to think that virtue is still instinct in this precious possession, and that some of it goes out to those privileged to touch it?

Be that as it may be. It is certain that the spirit of Rahere still broods over the hospital, and nowhere is the real nursing tradition of devotion to the sick stronger than that in this hospital, beloved of those who are proud to call themselves its alumnae.

STATE REGISTERED NURSE.

KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

A *State Registered Nurse* writes: "I am greatly looking forward to the coming International Congress of Nurses; all that I have attended—and I must admit that I have been to several, and, in fact, have acquired the Congress habit—have been most inspiring. One meets so many delightful nurses, and finds that our ideals and aspirations are practically the same all the world over. Then the atmosphere of the meetings is so professional, and the fact that the International Council of Nurses is supported by the nursing profession, and has been since its foundation, gives one a feeling of independence and self-respect which cannot fail to benefit not only those nurses taking part in the Congress but must make itself felt to those who have not been fortunate enough to be able to attend it."

Enquirer—International Congress Week begins on Sunday, July 18th, with a special service for members at St. Paul's Cathedral, when the Archbishop of Canterbury will be the preacher, at 9.30 a.m., and one in Westminster Cathedral, at 10.30 a.m., when the Address will be given by the Archbishop of Westminster.

"We are Often Hungry."

An *old Nurse* writes: "Mr. Baldwin, the late Prime Minister, went out of office in a blaze of glory—his reward for services rendered being an Earldom and the Garter, and a Pension of £2,000 a year if he claims it! His colleagues in the Cabinet also raised their own salaries (Parliament permitting) almost unanimously to £5,000 a year, the salaries of the rank-and-file in the House of Commons being raised to £600 a year. It came as a shock to poor little people paying penalising income tax to learn that the Cabinet had the power to distribute this largesse from public funds without the consent of Parliament. Let us hope whilst enjoying his salary of £10,000 a year our new Premier will attempt to inaugurate a spell of economy—otherwise a nice warm workhouse will be all that we workers can look forward to in our weary old age. The truth is, with my dear old mother to keep, *we are often hungry.*"

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