

## WHAT TO READ.

## MEMOIRS AND BIOGRAPHY.

"Royal George." A Study of King George III. C. E. Vulliamy.

"Kossuth." Otto Zarek.

"Letters of Fanny Brawne to Fanny Keats." Edited by Fred Edgumbe.

"Adventures with Books and Manuscripts." A. S. W. Rosenbach.

"Old O.'s Daughter." Bernard Falk.

"Lord Bothwell." Robert Gore-Brown.

## FICTION.

"Mine is the Kingdom." Jane Oliver.

"The Street of the Fishing Cat." Jolanda Foldes.

"Adam of a New World." Jack Lindsay.

"Fighting Angel." Pearl Buck.

"We the Living." Ayn Rand.

"A Doctor's Odyssey." Victor Heiser.

"The Fire and the Fiddle." Wynyard Browne.

## HISTORY.

"Seven Heirs Apparent" (Princes of the House of Hanover). Sir George Arthur.

## TRAVEL.

"Savage Civilization." Tom Harrisson.

"Japanese Lady in Europe." Haruko Ichikawa.

## COMING EVENTS.

February 20th.—The British College of Nurses. Council Meeting, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, 2.30 p.m.

February 24th.—Congress Arrangements Committee, I.C.N. Meeting, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, 2.30 p.m.

February 26th.—General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Monthly Meeting, 20, Portland Place, London, W.1, 2.30 p.m.

## MARCH.

March 2nd.—The British College of Nurses, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1. Lecture on "The Care of the Feet," by F. FitzGerald, Esq., F.R.C.S. 3 p.m.

March 16th.—Royal British Nurses' Association, 194, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7. Lecture on "Psychology for Nurses" by Dr. Sloan Chesser, 3 p.m.

March 18th.—The British College of Nurses, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1. Lecture on "Old St. Paul's," by R. H. Finch, Esq., A.R.I.B.A. 3 p.m.

March 13th.—Royal British Nurses' Association, 194, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7. Lecture on "Biology," by Mr. Ian Rees, B.Sc., 3 p.m.

A daisy grew,  
Too blue;  
Another grew,  
Too blue too;  
No one knew  
What made them blue.  
Do  
You?

In the *St. Bartholomew's Hospital Journal*.

## WORD FOR THE MONTH.

There is no sea so wide, no waste so sterile  
But holds a rapture for the sons of strife:  
There shines upon the topmost peak of peril  
A throne for spirits that abound in life.  
There is no joy like those who fight alone,  
Whom lust or gluttony have never tied,  
Who in their purity have built a throne,  
And in their solitude a tower of pride.  
From "Mithraic Emblems."

ROY CAMPBELL.

## AN INDIAN HOSPITAL IN THE CANADIAN WEST.

Miss Beatrice Kent sends us a note on the needs of an Indian Hospital in the Canadian West. She writes:—

"To quote the immortal words of Longfellow, poet beloved alike by the English and American people,

"Life is real, life is earnest"

would seem appropriate in connection with this lonely Outpost of the Empire, on the banks of the great Fraser river.

When trained nursing once takes root in any place (or may I not say, in any heart!), however remote, progress is assured, because the Spirit of Nursing is never discouraged, never defeated, no matter how great the difficulties in the initial stage.

The Spirit of Nursing is indomitable. *Life is real, life is earnest* to the pioneer Nurse, because the Spirit of Nursing is dynamic, and—*because love* is dynamic, which is the propelling force. Courage and selflessness of two valiant pioneers can be read into this story. So let the Matron tell it."

The Matron writes:—

St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Lytton, on the bank of the Fraser River, has long been a notable landmark, and it is a relatively ancient institution in Western Canada, where it has done excellent work since 1893 amongst the Indians, being situated in the midst of five or six Indian Reservations. It was the earliest Indian hospital opened in the Canadian West.

*Across the Rockies* contains an interesting account of the work of this hospital, which badly needs support as well as further accommodation.

In 1904 the building was destroyed by fire, from the ashes of which arose an eight-room two-storey building which, with many alterations and additions, is in use to-day.

In 1931, it was found impossible to accommodate the patients so a Nurses' Home was erected, which is a modern seven-room house and a credit to the Mission.

This allowed an increase in hospital accommodation of from 15 to 27 beds (including three cribs) and the staff was increased to three graduate nurses, two maids, a cook, and an orderly.

The Matron, pleading for manual help, writes: "For the last few years and at the present time, a busy round of acute cases are admitted daily. There is no druggist in the district, so dispensing is a large and important work of the staff.

"Our X-ray Department is something we may be proud of, and a great deal of work is done in this line for a small institution.

"But to-day, the hospital is in sore need of further accommodation. The last winter has been a great strain. Patients have been crowded and frequently had to sleep in the operating room, there being no other room for them. The building is in an appalling condition, ceilings are lathed to hold them up, and plaster is ready to fall in many places.

"The fire hazard is a continual worry, five stoves and a furnace, and this winter the building had two very narrow escapes from fire.

"However, in spite of all handicaps the good work goes on and progresses. All honour to those who in a far country are carrying it on in spite of all difficulties."

## A Fine Example.

Miss Paterson, of Paisley, who gave the lifeboat Jeanie Speirs for service at the Port Patrick Station, has given an additional sum of £3,000 to the Royal National Life-Boat Institution to be used in completing the equipment of the boat and assisting in the running costs. Miss Paterson's contributions to the R.N.L.I. now amount to £10,000.

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