

I HAVE before alluded to the Meeting of Doctors and Nurses and others, which is to be held next month in Holland. I have now received from one of my readers in that country the following Programme of the Meeting of those interested in the Nursing of the Sick, to be held on the 4th and 5th of October, 1892, at Amsterdam, in the Wilhelmina Hospital, and I hear that Mr. Editor is himself going over to attend the Meeting, in order that THE NURSING RECORD may be able to do full justice to this important gathering.

TUESDAY, 4th OCTOBER, beginning at 2 o'clock.

Opening Speeches by Madame J. DE BOSCH KEMPER and J. VAN DEVENTER, Sz.

The following papers are promised:—

1. What knowledge should be required from aspirant Nurses and Attendants?
Dr. W. P. RUIJCH.
2. Education, Training, Teaching, Books and Materials.
Dr. G. VAN BRAKEL; Dr. P. J. ROTGANS.
3. The treatment in the Hospitals. Remuneration of the Nurses. J. VAN DEVENTER, Sz.
4. Examinations and Diplomas.
Dr. P. J. BARNOUW.

WEDNESDAY, 5th OCTOBER, beginning at 10 a.m.

5. Historical Survey of the Treatment of the Sick.
Dr. H. PINKHOF.
6. Training for Special Treatment of the Sick.
Dr. D. L. VAN WELY; Treatment of Children.
Dr. G. C. NIJHOFF; Treatment in the Lying-in Hospitals.
J. VAN DEVENTER, Sz.; Treatment of the Insane.
7. The means we have at our disposal to keep Nurses holding Diplomas well informed as to the requirements created by the development of sciences.
Dr. G. WALLER.
8. a. Treatment of the Sick by the Local Authorities.
Dr. P. H. VAN EDEN.
b. Treatment of the Sick in their own homes.
Dr. C. F. J. BLOKER, Jr.
Dr. H. C. PEETERS, Gheel, Belgium.
c. Treatment in different parts of towns.
Dr. A. VOORHOEN; Prof. Dr. W. M. GUNNING.
9. Assistance in case of Accidents.
Dr. C. B. TILANUS.

On Wednesday, 5th October, at 12.30 there will be Luncheon in the Wilhelmina Hospital.

On the same day, at 6.30 in the evening, there will be a Dinner in the Pavilion, Vondelpark (entrance Vondelstraat). The price of the ticket being fl. 2.50. Applications for tickets should be made before the 1st October, to the Secretary, Mr. E. J. Everwijn Lange, Jr., Frederiksplein 41.

The tickets, which will be issued and forwarded within the next few days, will, at the same time, give admission to the Exhibition of Appliances used in, and Books concerning the Treatment of the Sick, and will also give admission to the different Institutions of which mention will be made during the Meeting.

The Committee have had an earnest discussion as to whether the Meeting should take place, as it was felt that owing to the possible appearance of the Cholera in our midst, many people, including Doctors and Nurses, would be reluctant to absent themselves from home. After due consideration, and the reports as to the health in this country being most satisfactory, the Committee have failed to discover any cause justifying a postponement of the Meeting.

Should, however, an unexpected change take place, the Secretary will at once take the necessary steps to ensure the Meeting being held at some future time.

WE have received the following cutting, from the *Western Argus* of August 26th, to which reference is made in another column this week.

"Dr. George Danford Thomas resumed an adjourned inquest at the Marylebone Infirmary, Notting Hill, respecting the death of Ellen Johnson, aged 72 years, lately residing at Highworth Street, Marylebone. According to the evidence it appears that the deceased, who had been a monthly nurse, had of late become afflicted with partial paralysis, and was unable to obtain sleep at night, and would wander and talk very much, disturbing the other inmates. On the 7th Dr. Lunn ordered that the Nurse should give an injection of morphia under the skin of the arm. The Nurse injected the dose prescribed, which was one third of a grain in ten drops; this was considered to be a very weak dose. Some time afterwards the Nurse, on looking at the patient, was surprised to find that she was in a collapsed condition, on which Dr. Lunn and the other medical officers were called to her, and they found that she was suffering from morphia poisoning, and was in a dying condition. Artificial respiration and other means were taken to restore her, but these proved of no avail, for she sank and died five hours afterwards. The inquiry was adjourned to give time for the solution of morphia to be examined so as to ascertain its strength, and also that a post-mortem examination of the body might be made. Professor Wm. Fisher, of Middlesex Hospital, who had examined the morphia, found that its strength was only a third of the ordinary strength, and the Nurse who gave the injection swore positively that she only gave the dose ordered. Dr. J. R. Lunn, medical officer, who had made a post-mortem examination, stated that death had resulted from the effects of coma when suffering from Bright's disease of the kidneys, accelerated by an ordinary dose of morphia. The deceased did not exhibit any signs of suffering from kidney disease or he should not have prescribed morphia under any circumstances, but should have ordered some other drug. The coroner said the dose of morphia injected was a very ordinary one, but it showed that, nevertheless, it was sufficient to cause death in this instance, and in cases in which persons suffered from kidney disease an ordinary dose was sufficient to cause death; that was a reason why, if it was known that the person was suffering from kidney disease the use of morphia was avoided. The jury returned a verdict of death from misadventure."

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MR. EDITOR asks me to state that so popular has been our new publication, "The Best Thing to Do," that in less than ten days the whole of the first edition was exhausted. A second edition is being prepared, and will be issued as speedily as possible.

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I AM glad to hear that Mrs. ORMISTON CHANT, who has been very ill with pneumonia, is now recovering well. Many of my readers who only know this most talented and energetic lady as the eloquent temperance advocate and preacher, will be interested to know that she is a Nurse, having been trained at the Nottingham General Hospital, then a Sister for some time at the London Hospital, and for a short time thereafter holding other important posts before she married Dr. CHANT, of Gower Street. Her numberless friends and admirers all over the world have been most anxious about her, and earnestly hope that she will soon be completely restored to health and strength, for the work she does is as unique as it is invaluable in its usefulness.

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