

## EDITOR'S MISCELLANY

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### DR. MCGEE'S RESIGNATION

WAR DEPARTMENT, SURGEON GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
WASHINGTON, November 20, 1900.

*To the Surgeon General, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C.*

SIR: The experimental and organizing stages of the Army Nurse Corps being now passed, I have the honor to tender my resignation as in charge of that body, and to ask that my work be carried on by another.

I also tender my resignation as Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. Army.

I cannot take leave of your office, with which I have been connected for over two and a half years, without expressing in some small degree my pleasure in having been so closely associated with your administration and in having been able to render some little assistance in your very arduous and responsible duties. I wish also to thank you, and through you the officers and clerks in this office, for many courtesies received, the memory of which will remain always with me.

Very respectfully,

ANITA NEWCOMB MCGEE, M.D.,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. Army, in charge Army Nurse Corps.

WAR DEPARTMENT, SURGEON GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
WASHINGTON, November 21, 1900.

*Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee, Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. Army, in charge Army Nurse Corps, Surgeon General's Office, Washington, D. C.*

MADAM: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated November 20, 1900, in which you tender your resignation as an Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. Army, in charge of the Army Nurse Corps.

In accepting your resignation I desire to express to you my high appreciation of the valuable services you have rendered during the past two years and a half in selecting trained female nurses for duty at our field and general hospitals wherever their assistance has been necessary, and in organizing the "Army Nurse Corps" upon a satisfactory basis. You have shown excellent judgment and executive ability, and have labored zealously both in the interests of the nurses and of the Government. Your contract will be annulled December 31, 1900.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) GEO. M. STERNBERG,

Surgeon General, U. S. Army.

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### A NEW BOOK ON MASSAGE

A FORTHCOMING manual on massage is designed for use in hospital training-schools, and also as a preparatory text-book for the more advanced instruction required in the study of mechano-therapy as a specialty.

The writer, Miss Helen C. Bartlett, is a nurse of experience, a graduate of the Johns Hopkins Hospital Training-School for Nurses and of the Orthopædic Hospital School of Massage. She has also pursued post-graduate courses of study in the Swedish system of mechano-therapy and special courses in anatomy and physiology, and is a practitioner in mechano-therapy of several years' standing and instructor in massage in the Johns Hopkins Hospital Training-School for Nurses.

The more distinctive feature of the book will be its eminently practical point of view. From a theoretical stand-point it will be introductory, but in no respect will essential data be omitted, condensation being gained by a very careful and comprehensive classification.

In descriptions of manipulation, practical suggestions, etc., greater detail will be employed, since, while it is forcibly urged that no delineation of manual processes, however complete, can obviate the necessity of demonstration, it is contended that to constitute a trustworthy working basis, and to maintain a standard of technic for subsequent reference, such descriptions, while concise, should be strictly unabridged.

What other writers, therefore, have accomplished in the province of gymnastics will be, for the first time, achieved in relation to massage. The system of massage which is used is that of the Orthopædic School in Philadelphia, doubtless more widely known as the American School, or as that system of massage endorsed by Dr. S. Weir Mitchell. But, inasmuch as the fundamental groundwork of this science, in practice as well as in theory, is in all systems the same, to students of any system this manual will undoubtedly prove valuable.

Further practical aid to students will be furnished in the illustrations, which will be liberally used to accompany descriptions of manipulation.

In conclusion, it is the author's intention to add a carefully compiled selection of Swedish medical gymnastics, introducing some new methods of application.

M. A. NUTTING.

DEAR EDITOR: Will you kindly help out an inquirer? Suppose a nurse has to leave a contagious case before the general disinfection has taken place, how can she thoroughly disinfect herself and her belongings in her boarding-house room where fumigation is impossible?

I want to thank you for that exceedingly helpful diet-list published this month. Some definite rules for disinfection would be equally gratefully received by your readers, I am sure.

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