

own particular magic. As Fenwick here no longer needs to talk art, the writer is no longer afraid to record his utterances. We see the whole man, as he lived, we begin to believe in him, to sympathise with him.

We feel what passed in his own mind, in Phœbe's; we feel the charm of the Americanised Carrie, and the illusion is helped out by the charming picture of the family group which Mr. Sterner has finely drawn as an illustration.

Like all Mrs. Ward's books, the story leaves you with the impression of life as something serious, high and noble, something worth taking pains with. It helps us to believe in the great possibilities of humanity, and the ultimate triumph of good. No small achievement, this, in an author who is never for one moment sentimental, false, or stagey.

G. M. R.

### What to Read.

"From a College Window." By Arthur Christopher Benson.

"Fenwick's Career." By Mrs. Humphry Ward. Illustrated by Albert Sterner.

"Women and Circumstance." By Netta Syrett.

"In Subjection." By Ellen Thorneycroft Fowler.

### Coming Events.

May 18th.—Lady Helen Munro-Ferguson on State Registration of Nurses, Midwives' Institute, Buckingham Street, Strand. 7.30 p.m.

May 18th.—Mr. Benjamin Broadbent, Mayor of Huddersfield, presides at a meeting at 11, Kensington Court, W., in aid of the Infant's Hospital, Hampstead, when Dr. C. W. Saleeby will speak on the subject of infant mortality. 3 p.m.

May 19th.—Deputation to the Prime Minister on Women's Suffrage, Foreign Office. 12 noon.

May 19th.—Royal Waterloo Hospital.—Reception Royal Horticultural Hall. 9 p.m.

May 23rd.—Her Royal Highness Princess Christian opens an Elizabethan Fête in the Hall and Garden of Lincoln's Inn in aid of King's College Hospital Removal Fund.

May 23rd.—The American Ambassador presides at the Festival Dinner of the Charing Cross Hospital Emergency Fund at the Hotel Cecil.

May 23rd.—Annual General Meeting of University College Ladies' Association at the Hospital, Gower Street, W.C. The Marchioness of Salisbury in the chair. 4.30 p.m.

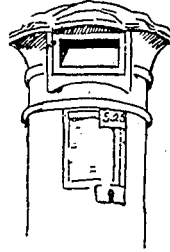
June 14th.—Conversazione, organised by the Provisional Committee of the National Council of Nurses, at the Gallery of the Royal Society of British Artists, Suffolk Street, Pall Mall, S.W.

### A Word for the Week.

Human improvement is from within outward.—  
*Anthony Froude.*

### Letters to the Editor.

NOTES, QUERIES, &c.



*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.*

#### THOUGHTS ON NOTE-TAKING.

To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."

DEAR MADAM,—May I make a suggestion on the subject of note-taking, that during the lecture each student gives her undivided attention, and at the close of the lecture writes out her notes from memory. I found it much easier than struggling to follow the lecturer and write notes at the same time. And if this were done in class and the lecture discussed it would be a great help, and few important points would be forgotten.

Yours truly,  
D. L.

#### THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL.

To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."

DEAR MADAM,—May I be allowed to say how heartily I endorse the remarks made by our President, Miss Louisa Stevenson, at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the State Registration of Nurses in reference to the General Nursing Council, which under an Act of Parliament would govern the nursing profession. I do not think that it can be realised by those who urge its reduction in size what an immense amount of work it will have to undertake or the many interests which it is desirable should be represented upon it. The General Medical Council consists of thirty-three members, and is apparently none too large to deal with the work which devolves upon it. Yet the General Nursing Council will have to deal with a profession numerically considerably larger than that of medicine. It will, moreover, have to organise the examination as well as the registration of nurses. Further, the General Medical Council consists entirely of medical members, while on the small Council of nineteen members, which is all we have ventured to ask for, we have allotted no less than eight seats to the medical profession and the public, leaving only eleven Matrons and nurses to represent the numerous interests of nurses in the United Kingdom, viz., the interests of the Matrons, of nurses in general and special hospitals (infectious, maternity, mental, &c.), of the great branches of private and district work and so on.

It further seems certain that the Council should be so composed that it should be able to depute Scottish and Irish members to deal locally with a considerable amount of the work in Scotland and Ireland. How is all this to be accomplished with a Council of less than twenty members?

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