

heads with the police through attempting to boil my billy under the trees in Hyde Park."

Then Betty took a flat, and

"The Man that Uncle John Nursed was very interested in the putting of it together, and offered, bless him, to come and help me every day till it was done. I thanked him very seriously, and said it was very good of him, but I didn't want a soul to see it till the last picture was hung. I would sooner look after two teething infants, in addition to the house-moving, than I would have half a man wandering about trying to help me to do things. They are such babies in some ways—men, that's why they are so irresistible. Give a child a piece of dough when you are baking, and it will massage it until it is quite unfit even to look at, and be perfectly certain that it has made a cake. Give a man a hammer, and a mouthful of tacks, and he will make a few holes in the wall, and persuade himself that he has built the house. There's no mistake about it, they are just the most necessary things in existence—if you want entertaining."

For an account of her life in the flat, of the fate of her book, of many other things of interest, the reader must be referred to the book itself. He may rest assured he will not have a dull moment. The interest of the story centres much about the "Youngest Man." We feel instinctively when he appears on the scenes that Betty has met her fate. Their idyll is charmingly told.

Coming Events.

October 19.—A Public Meeting convened by the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, to protest against the Bye-Law of the Metropolitan Asylums Board to degrade the Matrons of their Fever Hospitals from first class to second class officers. Medical Society's Rooms, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., 4 p.m.

October 21 to 25.—Annual Conference of the National Union of Women Workers, Manchester.

October 23.—Conversazione given by the Medical Staff and Lecturers, New Outpatient and Special Departments Block, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C. Music. 9—12.

October 24.—Central Midwives' Board, Examination, London, Bristol, Manchester, and Newcastle-on-Tyne.

October 29, 30, and 31.—Bazaar at the Public Baths, Camberwell, in aid of King's College Hospital Removal Fund. Contributions to the stall being equipped by the Sister Matron, Sisters, and Nurses of the Hospital, in cash or kind, will be gratefully received by Mr. George Heyer, Appeal Secretary, King's College Hospital, W.C.

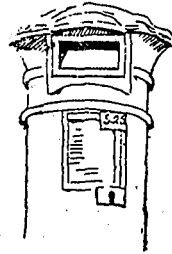
November 4.—Medico-Psychological Association of Great Britain and Ireland. Examination for Certificate in Nursing and Attending on the Insane.

A Word for the Week.

The power of any life lies in its expectancy.
PHILLIS BROOKS.

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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.

THE MISSIONARY NURSE.

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

DEAR MADAM,—With much pleasure and interest I have read in the Journal "M. B.'s" article, and I am glad the missionary nurse should be brought before the minds of all nurses by our Journal. I gather from the address that the missionary nurse's work is to show her life so deeply rooted in the love of God and patience of Christ that she may be ready in every detail of conduct and character, and consistency of action, that her life may win men to believe in the Truth and desire to seek salvation. She has, indeed, excellent opportunities of showing practical life to others, but in the end would she be fulfilling her whole duty thus?

It must ever be remembered that as a missionary nurse she has a two-fold work, and note the order of that work: The Great Physician taught and preached—and healed.—St. Mat. ix., 35. The healing was the evidence of His Divine Power, was it not?

When He sent forth the first little band of missionary workers the order of the Master's words were: "Preach the Kingdom of God—and heal the sick."—St. Luke ix., 2. There are hospitals which profess to undertake one side of the work, but in missionary hospitals should not the pressure of the work be so arranged that the nurse's work may be carried on in the aforesaid order, spiritual work having the pre-eminence? The Gospel is commended to men by caring for their temporal needs, but our chief endeavour as missionary nurses must be to prepare them for the Kingdom of God.

Truly a nurse is very likely to have few natural qualifications as a teacher, and the simple Gospel message demands a right method of teaching; but I trust no nurse, or very few such, will venture as an ambassador with such a solemn trust (as "M. B." says, for which she must some day give an account), unprepared and without necessary training. If three years is necessary to become well acquainted with the knowledge of nursing she will surely be anxious to give time for training for such a privileged work. And even then not every one can teach, but the Holy Spirit can apply the message personally to every conscience. The disciples were persons of little education; the cause of the Gospel might have suffered but the Master gave them power. (St. Mat. x., 19.) Is it that we are wanting in faith? Our Lord's last words were: "All power is given unto Me. . . . I will

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