

exceedingly well drawn. Such a man as Robert Barker would, of course, come into contact with many. For sheer beauty and manliness one would ask for nothing better than the study of John Clement, the minister, who, discovering some of Barker's methods, returns a cheque he offers for Clement's pet scheme. "Do you imagine you see dirt upon it?" demands Barker furiously. "Not dirt, my friend," returns the minister, "but tears—tears."

Then there is the girl with whom Barker is in love, the granddaughter of one of his victims. Elsie Glen is charming from the outset when, as a child of sixteen, she implores his mercy, and receives none, to the day when he comes to her for mercy, and Fate rewards him in kind. The book is consistent throughout, and most enjoyable.

E.L.H.

## COMING EVENTS.

*February 8th.*—Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses. Meeting of the Executive Committee, 431, Oxford Street, W., 4 p.m.

*February 11th.*—Central Midwives' Board Examinations in London (at the Examination Hall, Victoria Embankment, W.C.), Birmingham, Bristol, Manchester, and Newcastle-on-Tyne.

*February 11th.*—Annual General Meeting of the Vice-Presidents and Governors of the Royal Maternity Charity, 31, Finsbury Square, E.C., 3.30 p.m.

*February 11th.*—Infants' Hospital, Vincent Square, S.W. Lecture by Dr. Ralph Vincent on "Atrophy and Marasmus." 5 p.m.

*February 11th.*—Royal Ear Hospital, Dean Street, Soho. Lecture to Nurses on "General Considerations in Nose and Ear Nursing." By Mr. Macleod Yearsley, F.R.C.S., 4.30 p.m.

*February 12th.*—Post Graduate Lectures. Actions of Medicine, I. By Dr. F. D. Boyd. Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, 5 p.m. Nurses cordially invited.

*February 14th.*—Miller Memorial Hospital, Greenwich. Lecture to Nurses, "Antiseptics." By Mr. Hugh Davies, F.R.C.S. 8 p.m.

*February 18th and 19th.*—Thirty-sixth Annual Central Conference of the Poor Law Authorities of England and Wales, in the Council Chamber of the Guildhall, the Right Hon. Sir Edward Fry, G.C.B., presiding.

*February 19th.*—Colonial Nursing Association. Council and Executive Committee "At Home" at the Imperial Institute, 4—6.30 p.m.

*February 21st.*—Public Meeting organised by the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, Caxton Hall, Westminster, London, S.W. Address by the Lady Helen Munro Ferguson, who will preside, 3 p.m.

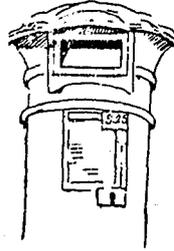
## A WORD FOR THE WEEK.

Like excavators engaged in boring a tunnel from opposite ends, amid the roar of water and other noises we are beginning to hear, now and again, the strokes of the pick-axes of our comrades on the other side.

SIR OLIVER LODGE, F.R.S.

## Letters to the Editor.

NOTES, QUERIES, &amp;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.*

## OUR PUZZLE PRIZE.

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

Miss K. M. Lyne thanks the Editor very much for the splendid volumes—"A History of Nursing,"—which she received yesterday, and is sure she and her friends will much enjoy reading them.

Royal Berks Hospital,  
Reading.

## NURSES' CO-OPERATIONS.

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

DEAR MADAM,—In reply to "Enquirer," who, in the last issue, asks for information about Nurses' Co-operative Societies, might I suggest that he, or she, obtain the reports and copies of rules and regulations from the Nurses' Co-operation, 8, New Cavendish Street, London, W., and the Registered Nurses' Society, 431, Oxford Street, London, W. (These latter have been sent.—Ed.) The rules under which the Private Nurses work on the co-operative system at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, E.C., and also at Miss Waind's Nursing Institute, Galen House, Nightingale Road, Guildford, Surrey. All of these societies are very successful, the nurses taking all but a small percentage of their earnings. Miss Waind's system is very interesting. It is original, co-operative in the most delightful manner, a charming home being provided. With these four analogous, yet differently worked, systems to compare, "Enquirer" should be able to place before his foreign medical friend plenty of evidence that trained nurses have a right to the money they earn—less a very small percentage for business expenses.

Yours truly,

A Co-op. NURSE.

## THE FEEDING OF NURSES.

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

DEAR MADAM,—In reference to a charge against American hospitals, *re* the under-feeding of their nurses, a paper circulating amongst nurses says:—"On this side of the Atlantic, at any rate, such accusations, if made, could seldom be sustained, etc." But then one must consider the standpoint of different countries. In a country like America (where ladies are not sent to gaol for wishing to help govern the State they help to keep, and where men would probably be lynched for kicking them about the footpath) it is just possible that the standard of feeding demanded by American nurses is infinitely higher than the English.

When I was taking my midwifery course, eighteen months ago, in the most expensive train-

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