

yet he is quick to lift it, and surround us with dainty pictures, exquisite scents, perfect atmosphere.

On the disappearance of Button we are in a position to take a closer survey of the development of the two young things, now thrown entirely on their own resources. The growth of Dick is very attractive. Far away from civilisation, with the memory of their early training quite wiped from their memories, the boy and girl ripen and mellow into manhood and womanhood, just like a couple of young savages. But because they come of a civilised race their primitive instincts are healthy, the best of their nature is in the ascendant. It is conceivable that Dick, in civilised society would have been a perfectly charming fellow. But Mr. de Vere Stacpoole commits no artistic errors, upon which he is to be greatly congratulated.

E.L.H.

## COMING EVENTS.

*February 27th.*—Annual Meeting, Shoreditch and Bethnal Green District Nursing Association, St. Matthew's Parish Hall, Bethnal Green. His Worship the Mayor will take the chair, 8.30 p.m.

*February 28th.*—Second Reading of Mr. Stanger's Bill for the Enfranchisement of Women, House of Commons.

*March 3rd.*—Infants' Hospital, Vincent Square, S.W. Lecture by Dr. Ralph Vincent on "Gastric and Intestinal Disorder."

*March 4th.*—Miller Memorial Hospital, Greenwich. Lecture to Nurses. "Electricity in its Application to Medicine and Surgery," by Dr. H. G. Critchley.

*March 4th.*—Nurses' Total Abstinence League, Drawing Room Meeting for Nurses, by kind invitation of Mrs. Warner, Elmside, Bolingbroke Grove, Wandsworth Common. Tea and coffee. 4.15 p.m.

*March 11th.*—Post Graduate Lectures. Gynaecology—I. Syringing and Douching. By Dr. F. W. N. Haultain. Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, 5 p.m. Nurses cordially invited.

*March 11th.*—Ulster Branch Irish Nurses' Association, Club Room, Crane's Buildings, Wellington Place, Belfast. "Charity Organisation," Miss Orger, 7.15 p.m.

*March 13th.*—Miller Memorial Hospital, Greenwich. Lectures to Nurses. "Enemas, Poultrices, Packs, etc.," by Mr. Hugh Davies, 8 p.m.

*March 28th.*—Irish Nurses' Association. Lecture by T. J. Haslam, Esq., on "Women's Suffrage—Objections considered." 7.30 p.m.

## A WORD FOR THE WEEK.

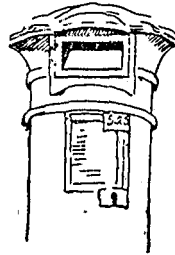
## VOTES FOR WOMEN.

There is always a tendency among party leaders to under-estimate moral forces; but, in throwing away the sympathy of the earnest-minded women who wield the power of unselfish care for the weal of others, the Liberal party is making a momentous blunder.

A. CAMERON CORBETT, M.P.

## 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.*

## PRELIMINARY TRAINING AT BRISTOL ROYAL INFIRMARY.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I see by this week's issue of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING that you have been informed by the Lady Superintendent of Leicester Infirmary that a preliminary training school for nurses had been started in connection with that Infirmary in 1904, and that, therefore, the paragraph I had the pleasure of sending you was inaccurate, which I do not consider is the case.

My Committee were perfectly well aware of what was being done at Leicester and the great difference between the two schools is that under our arrangement the pupil probationers receive seven weeks' training before they are allowed to enter the wards or associate with the other nurses in the Nurses' Home; this being exactly on the same lines as the schools in connection with the London Hospital or Guy's Hospital, in contradistinction to the scheme carried out at Leicester and at least one of the Scotch hospitals. One of the chief reasons for instituting this school is that nurses may be on trial for some weeks before in any way coming in contact with the work of the house, and are, during this period, under the supervision and control of a Sister specially engaged for this purpose. We are not anxious to enter into a public controversy, but think you should be informed as to the reason for our statement.

Yours faithfully,

W. E. BUDGETT,

Secretary and House Governor.

## STANDARD FOR SCHOOL NURSES.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I should like to tell "Queen's Nurse" that there is a standard for School Nurses working in London, and those employed by the County Council are trained and specially qualified for work in the elementary schools.

Their Superintendent is on the Committee appointed for the selection of nurses, and as there are a great number of highly-trained applicants whenever there is a vacancy I think the final selection of only those best suited to the work may be safely left in her hands.

As "Queen's Nurse's" letter may be misunderstood, I should be glad if you would insert this in your next issue.

I think the London School Nurses are the only organised body of School Nurses working in the United Kingdom, and no one not properly qualified will be admitted to the League of School Nurses.

Faithfully yours,

AN OBSERVER.

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