

nothing new under the sun." The adventures of the young people provide very good light reading; one is genuinely anxious to know how events will turn out, and what is likely to unravel certain mysteries; what will bring the villain to book, and how the hero is to come to his own.

A little glimpse of Australian life is very well done, and the kindly colonials who befriend "Jack Douglas," alias Wilfred Carton, are very refreshing.

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COMING EVENTS.

June 21st.—Hospital Sunday.

June 21st.—The National Women's Social and Political Union, Great Demonstration of Suffragists will march to Hyde Park from Euston Station, Trafalgar Square, the Victoria Embankment, Chelsea Embankment, Kensington High Street, Paddington Station, Marylebone Road. Nurses are asked to join the Procession in Trafalgar Square, to start at 1.30 p.m.

June 22nd.—The King lays the Commemoration Stone of the new Hospital and Dispensary at Windsor.

June 23rd.—Nurses' Day at the Pan-Anglican Congress. Meeting at Church House, Westminster. 2.30 p.m.

June 23rd.—Princess Louise Duchess of Argyll opens a Garden Fête and Sale of Work in aid of the London Homeopathic Hospital, 11, Kensington Palace Gardens, 2.30 p.m.

June 23rd.—The Duke of Portland presides at a Dinner in aid of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, Hotel Cecil, 8 p.m.

June 23rd.—Lectures on Babies, Infants Hospital, Vincent Square: "Minor Ailments of Infancy," Dr. T. N. Kelynack, 5 p.m.

June 24th.—Princess Louise Duchess of Argyll, accompanied by the Duke of Argyll, opens the new Children's Ward at the Essex County Hospital, Colchester, 5.15.

June 24th.—Colonial Nursing Association, Annual Meeting, 10, Carlton House Terrace, Lord Amphill will preside. 3.30 p.m.

June 25th.—Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, 431, Oxford Street, W., 4.30 p.m.

June 27th.—League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses. General Meeting, 2.45 p.m. Social Gathering, 4.30 p.m.

June 27th.—Complimentary Dinner to Miss Isla Stewart, in recognition of her twenty-one years' work as Matron of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and in appreciation of her public work for the Nursing Profession. Georgian Hall, Gaiety Restaurant. Reception, 7.30 p.m. Dinner 8 p.m.

June 30th.—Princess Alexander of Teck opens the Extension of the Nurses' Home of Queen Charlotte's Hospital.

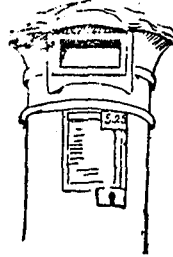
A WORD FOR THE WEEK.

It is not so important for each soul to win the victory as for each soul to answer to itself, "How did I fight?"—The Rev. Anna Howard Shaw at the Albert Hall, June 13th.

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.



OUR GUINEA PRIZE

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

DEAR EDITOR,—Thank you so much for the prize of one guinea, which I have just received.

It was a delightful surprise to find myself the winner of the Puzzle Prize for May.

Yours sincerely,

CHARLOTTE WRIGHT.

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Clarence Villa, Windsor.

THE POSITION OF THE NURSING SUPERINTENDENT.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I would be very glad to hear the views of your readers, especially of those who have held hospital appointments on the Continent or in the Colonies, as to what ought to be the exact position of the Nursing Superintendent, when she is a fully trained nurse, and the Superintendent of the hospital is a doctor (lady or gentleman) and is also Medical Superintendent? This may seem to be a foolish question. A nurse would naturally think there could be only one answer, and that—that the Nursing Superintendent should be head of her department, but in India this is not the case. The doctors who are the Superintendents of the hospital seem to think that they ought to have the authority to run the hospital and everyone in it, the Nursing Superintendent included. Some of them claim that the authority to engage and dismiss probationers belong to them, not to the Nursing Superintendent, others going so far as to consider that the drawing up of time tables for the nurses, changing them from day to night duty, and from ward to ward, the directing of the duties of the ward servants, who correspond in a measure to the ward maids at home, all belong to them, and that any authority in these matters given to the Superintendent of Nursing is as one doctor said only a matter of courtesy. When a nurse who has been trained in one of the leading hospitals in the British Isles, and been Assistant Matron in one of the largest hospitals in London, accepts an appointment as Superintendent of Nursing out here, she very naturally expects to be allowed a free hand in organising the nursing department, and as she is an expert in that department, expects to be considered the head of it. But Superintendents of hospitals do not think so.

There are some few Superintendents of hospitals who recognise that the Superintendent of Nursing

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