

hours, Ludwell and Fairfax Cary, are all well and consistently drawn. The elder brother, Ludwell, is destined to be Lewis's rival, and though unsuccessfully so, both in love and politics, still Lewis has a jealous dislike to him, in his heart recognising Cary's moral superiority to himself, and hating him accordingly. This hatred leads to the final tragedy which is the eventual means of purging Lewis of the evil that has so often dominated him.

We lay down the book with a sigh; the pathos is heart-stirring, the struggle in Rand's strong character between good and evil is given in masterly style. From cover to cover the book is full of beauty of soul and mind. Not one word could one wish unwritten; it truly gives much to ponder over.

The author's deep insight into human nature, the fine literary style and intense interest, surely gives this work a claim to be considered a classic.

E. L. H.

COMING EVENTS.

November 24th.—Lecture at the Infants' Hospital, Vincent Square, S.W., by Dr. Ralph Vincent, on Enteritis, and Ileo-Colitis. In the lecture theatre, 5 p.m.

November 27th.—The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland. Meeting of the Council, 4 p.m., 431, Oxford Street, London, W. Tea.

Agenda: To consider preliminary arrangements for the Quinquennial Meeting of the International Council of Nurses, to meet in London, July, 1909.

THE ROYAL INFIRMARY, EDINBURGH.

Lectures. — Extra Mural Medical Theatre, 4.30 p.m. Trained Nurses cordially invited.

December 2nd.—Some Practical Points in the Treatment and Nursing of Brain and Spine Cases. By Mr. Cotterill, F.R.C.S.E.

ULSTER BRANCH IRISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

The following lectures will be held in the Club-room, 16, Crane's Buildings, Wellington Place, Belfast:—

December 2nd.—Social Meeting, 6.30 to 10 p.m.

December 9th.—"Mental Nursing," by Dr. J. Patrick, at 7.30 p.m.

Members may bring a friend on payment of sixpence to the secretary.

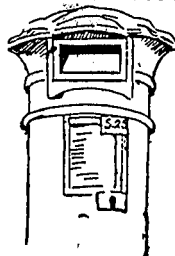
December 4th.—The "Sanitas" Co., "At Home" to Nurses, to inspect the works at Locksley Street, Limehouse, E. Demonstrations followed by tea. 3 p.m.

A WORD FOR THE WEEK.

In the governance of the world, as in all the other affairs of life, accept no other guide than the voice of your own conscience. In dealing with the affairs of State, as in dealing with the affairs of your own private life, let your moral judgment be supreme. In the governing of countries, as in everything else, so rule that all those over whom you wield authority shall recognise that your first object is to make truth and justice prevail.

LORD RIFON in *Review of Reviews*.

Letters to the Editor.



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 MADAM,—Thank you very much for awarding me the Puzzle Prize. It was a great surprise and a great pleasure to see I had won it.

I hope that before very long I shall require that guinea with others in order to pay my Registration fee!

I always look forward to reading the JOURNAL OF NURSING, which keeps us so up-to-date with the doings in the Nursing World.

I am, yours very truly,

E. CAROLINE EVANS.

The Retreat, York.

NURSES AND FREEDOM OF ACTION.

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

DEAR MADAM,—The whole nursing profession in this country owes Lord Amptill a great debt of gratitude, and I hope to be present at the meeting on Tuesday to support the Vote of Thanks to be offered by the Society which originally drafted the Nurses' Registration Bill, of which I am proud to be a member.

By his out-spoken statement that nurses in the opposing hospitals dare not support the demand for registration for fear of losing their situations he has done not only the nursing world an immense service, but women workers in other dependent positions, as they will also benefit by his courage. It is just this one statement Parliament required to hear, and I hope the Commons, as well as the Lords, will take it as seriously as it deserves.

Lord Wemyss quoted Sir Henry Burdett's paper in opposing our Bill. If evidence of intimidation of nurses is required may I refer his Lordship to the copies of the *Hospital*, in which we early members of the British Nurses' Association are described as the "scum of the nursing profession," an innocent member stigmatised as a thief because she happened to have the same name as a different person accused of theft, and hospital committees incited to forbid nurses to join the B.N.A. It is very pretty and instructive reading as a method of subjugating dependent women workers.

I have been one of the militant nurses for twenty years, and only wonder that any Matrons and nurses have had the courage to stand for the great general principles which underlie the Nurses' Registration Bill, considering the way we have been attacked.

Anyway, we registrationists are immensely grateful to, and proud of the Matrons' Council, the

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