

strokes when Desmond believed him to have played three. John wondered whether his eyes had deceived him. His horrid doubts were resolved by no less an authority than Scaife's caddy, who was emboldened to whisper furtively, 'The gen'leman played four strokes on to the green. 'E missed the one in the 'eather.' 'Hold your tongue!' John replied sharply."

Sheila is fascinated by Scaife's dominating personality. "He danced admirably, steering his course with extraordinary ease and skill. Of innumerable partners Scaife—so Sheila told herself—was the only one with whom she could feel absolutely safe in an overcrowded London ballroom. She could half close her eyes and let her mind drift.

When the music stopped he walked with her to a couple of chairs, and sat down. "In the course of conversation he tells her that at Harrow he wanted to be "Captain of the Eleven," and racquet player, and the hardest footer-player of my time. And even then I wanted to be Prime Minister of England."

He, incidentally, wanted Sheila too, and got her for a time, though he did not succeed in keeping her affections, and honest John is at last rewarded.

But we lay down the book with a sense of injury. We expected recreation from Mr. Vachell, and he gave us—Tariff Reform.

H. H.

#### COMING EVENTS.

*July 6th.*—Lord Ilkeston opens the Women's Imperial Health Congress, Caxton Hall, 11 a.m.

*July 6th.*—Association for Promoting the Training and Supply of Midwives. Annual Gathering of Midwives at 23, Cromwell Road, S.W., by kind permission of Mrs. S. Bruce. The Badges to Midwives will be presented by H.R.H. Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein. 3 p.m.

*July 10th.*—Public Meeting of Trained Nurses. Mr. D. F. Pennant, Hon. Secretary and Member of Council, Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, will speak on the National Insurance Bill, as it affects Nurses. Medical Society's Rooms, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick in the chair. 8 p.m.

*July 10th.*—Royal Visit to Ireland. The Queen receives addresses from the Women of Ireland, and visits the Coombe Hospital.

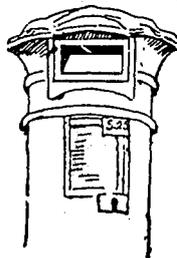
*July 12th.*—Garden Party, by invitation of Lady Truscott, to members of the Territorial Force Nursing Service, to meet the Lady Mayoress and the Executive Committee for the City and County of London. Royal Botanic Gardens, 4-8 p.m.

*July 15th.*—Irish Nurses' Association. Social Gathering. The Scalp. Cyclists meet at Clonskea Tram Terminus. 4 p.m.

*July 17th to 21st.*—Royal Visit to Scotland. July 18th, the Queen visits the Women's and Children's Hospital at Bruntsfield, Edinburgh. July 19th, the King and Queen visit the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh.

*July 22nd.*—National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland. Meeting of Executive Committee, 3 p.m. Meeting of Grand Council, 4 p.m. 431, Oxford Street, London, W.

## 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 PRIZE COMPETITION.

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

DEAR MADAM,—Thank you very much for the cheque for five shillings. I was very pleased to win the prize.

Yours faithfully,

MARY WILES.

413, Holloway Road, N.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I beg to acknowledge, with many thanks, the receipt of the Competition prize.

I am glad to say that my premier position was entirely due to the excellent instruction given at the Training School to which I have the honour to belong.

Faithfully yours,

FLORENCE M. BLOY.

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#### INSTRUCTION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN IN HYGIENE.

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

MADAM,—The Executive Councils of the National League for Physical Education and Improvement and of the National Health Society have had under their consideration Dr. Addison's Bill, which provides for instruction in hygiene and in the care of infants, and they have authorised us to express their earnest hope that the Bill may be allowed to become law.

If the health of the people is a great national asset, provision for the due care of that health is an act of national insurance. To neglect the conditions which secure health is perilous, but the neglect which is so prevalent is due, not to heartlessness, but to ignorance. Due instruction therefore in the laws of health should not be a casual subject, but a necessary subject of education in our schools.

It is, therefore, in our judgment, fitting that, to quote the terms of the Bill, "Each local education authority shall arrange, as hereinafter provided, that during each school term simple instruction in hygiene and the care of health, suitable to the age and understanding of the children, shall be given to all children attending public elementary schools, and, in particular, shall arrange that each girl of the age of twelve years or more shall be adequately instructed in the care and feeding of infants."

We, therefore, cordially welcome Dr. Addison's Bill, and trust that it may receive the unhesitating support of all who desire national well-being.

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