

"Cecilia played the organ as Cecilias should." And in this way becomes intimate with Waldemar, who is also a musician. Her husband spies upon her, unworthily, only to learn of her innocence and complete loyalty to himself.

"Charlotte Yates, Journalist," deals with a girl who, in "her father's palatial country house, in Hampshire, had been very scornful of the life of a mere Society girl, and had longed to be a journalist, to settle down with a typewriter close to the heart of things, with one finger on the beating pulse of the age, and one eye on the main chance. Her first engagement is to report a bazaar, patronised by the Duchess of Dulcombe, where she meets her recreant lover, Ralph Carey, engaged on the same errand.

She is lost on her return across the moors, and is rescued by Ralph. We leave them standing together in a world that held only their two selves.

"Let us get married immediately, and come back, and wander about in the rain and dark. I never enjoyed anything so much," said Ralph, with energy.

So we imagine that there was nothing left to be described.

The last story of a haunted room is very satisfactorily explained; and the curtain falls on the "ghost" clasping Rosalie's hands with his warm strong ones.

There are many other entertaining tales.

H. H.

COMING EVENTS.

July 11th.—Guy's Hospital, S.E. Garden Party 3 p.m.

July 16th.—The Bishop of London "At Home" to members of the Nurses' Missionary League, Fulham Palace, 3.30-6.

July 23rd.—Meeting of Central Midwives' Board. Penal Cases. 2 p.m.

July 23rd.—Women's Local Government Society. American Fair, Bedford College, South Villa, Regent's Park. 3.30-7 p.m.

July 24th to 30th.—First International Eugenics Congress. July 24th.—Reception and Inaugural Banquet, Hotel Cecil, Strand, 7 p.m.

July 25th.—Opening of Congress, Great Hall, University of London, Imperial Institute Road, South Kensington, S.W. 10 a.m.

July 25th.—Monthly Meeting Central Midwives' Board.

August 1st.—Central Midwives' Board. Examination, London. Oral Examination a few days later.

August 3rd to 9th.—International Council of Nurses. Triennial Meeting. Congress. Exhibition, Cologne.

WORDS FOR THE WEEK.

The residue of life is short—
Live as on a mountain.

The Vision of the Ideal guards monotony of work from becoming monotony of life.

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,—Many thanks for cheque for Prize Competition, which I was surprised and gratified to receive this morning. Being a "constant reader" of your paper, I was all the more delighted to see a contribution of my own in it! Wishing the paper every success in all its varied interests,

I am, yours sincerely,

ALICE RHIND.

West Mayfield,
Edinburgh.

THE INSURANCE ACT AND REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

MADAM,—Mr. Asquith's reply in the House of Commons on June 26th to a question by Dr. Chapple, pleading previous ignorance of the fact that the Bill "to regulate the qualifications of trained nurses and to provide for their registration" is widely supported by the medical profession and by all organised bodies of trained nurses in the United Kingdom, deserves some notice. In 1909 Mr. Asquith received a deputation composed of representatives of the medical profession, organisations of trained nurses, and members of Parliament, which laid before him the urgent need for a State register. In 1910, 1911 and 1912 Mr. R. C. Munro Ferguson introduced a Bill which had the support of the British Medical Association and all organisations of trained nurses in Scotland, England, and Ireland. The anti-registration party—which never was representative of either the medical profession or nurses—after confused and feeble outbursts on the part of two or three of its leaders has lapsed into a dormant, or it may be an extinct, condition.

As the National Insurance Act comes into force immediately this seems a suitable time to draw the attention of the public to the grave danger to insured persons which the working of the Act involves in view of the fact that State regulation of qualifications and a register are yet wanting. The Act provides that insured persons shall be attended by "duly qualified medical practitioners," and also—in the case of maternity benefit—that the mother shall decide whether she shall be attended by "a duly qualified medical practitioner," or by "a duly certified midwife." Clause 21 provides that an approved society or insurance committee may support "district nurses" and "appoint nurses for the purpose of visiting insured persons." Much was done by

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