

lotus blossoms she lay beneath the shadow of the great idol, and no trace of the darker shadow clouded the serene loveliness which in that hour had been given back to her. In her own beauty alone the Daughter of Brahma had gone forth in the search of God.

"Gently David Hurst lifted one frail hand and slipped the ring of their short union back on the empty finger. The turmoil of life into which he had drawn her had hidden her from him; now he saw her as she was, as she would remain to him to the end of time—as the mirror of his soul.

"He bent and kissed her. Her lips were faintly parted no longer in breathless longing, but very peacefully, and the same peace was in his own heart."

This vivid and romantic story should find many admirers. H. H.

AUTUMN IN THE ISLANDS.

After the wind in the wood,
Peace and the night;
After the bond and the brood,
Flight.
After the height and the hush
Where the wild hawk swings,
Heart of the earth-loving thrush
Shaken with wings.
After the bloom and the leaf,
Rain on the nest;
After the splendour and grief,
Rest.
After the hills, and the far
Glories and gleams,
Cloud, and the dawn of a star,
And dreams.

—*Marjorie L. C. Pichthall, in the
"Atlantic Monthly."*

COMING EVENTS.

October 9th.—The Trained Women Nurses Friendly Society, 431, Oxford Street, London, W. 4.30 p.m.

October 9th, 16th, 23rd; November 6th and 13th.—Nurses' Missionary League. The Autumn programme. Lectures on Hinduism and Islam, University Hall, W.C., by Canon Weitbrecht.

October 11th.—Meeting Executive Committee Society for State Registration of Nurses. 431, Oxford Street. 4.30 p.m.

October 15th.—Catholic Nurses' Association (Ireland), Annual Meeting. Lourdes House, Dublin.

October 19th.—British Home and Hospital for Incurables, Streatham. Lord Strathcona will lay the foundation stone of the Alexandra wing.

October 22nd.—Central Midwives Board Examination, London, Birmingham, Bristol, Leeds, Manchester and Newcastle-on-Tyne.

October 23rd.—Mansion House, City of London. Public Meeting in support of the memorial to Lord Lister.

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.

TRAINING AND SERVICE.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR EDITOR,—I take in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING and have read with some surprise your statement that "the unfortunate inclusion of the words 'and service'" makes it possible to admit nurses with certificates of two years' training only, but who may have served a hospital presumably as a private nurse for profit, as at the London Hospital."

The word service does not render it possible for a candidate to be admitted into the Queen Alexandra Imperial Military Nursing Service with less than three years' training in the wards of a hospital.

Although the certificate of the London Hospital is nominally a two years' one, yet, all candidates from that hospital for the Q.A.I.M.N.S. must be certified to have a third year (out of four years') training in the wards of that hospital.

I know of no exception to this regulation.

I am, dear Madam,

Yours faithfully,

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(late Matron-in-Chief Q.A.I.M.N.S.).

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(We thank our correspondent for her letter—knowing that it was always her earnest endeavour during her term of office as Matron-in-Chief of Q.A.I.M.N.S. to maintain the highest nursing standards possible under the regulations. And as this question of educational and professional standards for military nurses is one which is agitating many trained nurses, holding certificates for Three Years' Training in the wards of the leading hospitals, and who will not join the Service under existing regulations and conditions, we have given due consideration to Miss Keer's letter in our editorial article.—ED.)

THE ROSARY OF INTERNATIONALISM.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—To those who have never attended one of the International Nursing Congresses, and who from want of knowledge speak of such meetings as a pleasant picnic, a fleeting excitement, a nice week's holiday, I want to address one word—"Durability." It is the touchstone of all successful work. It is the very essence of the International Nursing Congress.

I have attended three Congresses in Paris, London, and Cologne, with a three years' interval

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