

to her. She has liberty, she has intellectual society, she has all she craved for; she has lost the man she loves.

Now, apparently, Mrs. Clifford thinks that Blanche should have given in. But the grounds on which she thinks so are deeply interesting. She *should* have given way, because she *could*, the man *could not*. The limits of his nature were more strait than hers. He simply *could not* lead the life she loved. But she *could* have lived his life, and made his happiness, because she was a woman of far greater ability than he had. Therefore, argues Mrs. Clifford, she should have given way, because she was the greater, and the man loved her, as well as he knew how.

How does this view of martial relations strike our readers? G. M. R.

### Verses.

"A little love, a little cheerfulness,  
A little sense of home along the way,  
A little heartening in the battle's stress,  
A little singing at the close of day—  
And, oh! this life is not all cold and gray,  
But sweet with comfort and with sunshine bright,  
If that we keep, each helping as he may,  
These little things in sight.

"A little hope, a little faith serene,  
A little word of strength for those who fall,  
A little smiling, tho' tears come between,  
A little charity if need should call.  
And O! not paltry is our life, nor small,  
But big and fine, and filled with sweet delight;  
If that we keep, each for the sake of all,  
These little things in sight."

### What to Read.

"The Case for the Factory Acts." Edited by Mrs. Sidney Webb, with contributions by Miss B. L. Hutchins, Miss Gertrude Tuckwell, Mrs. W. P. Reeves, Miss Clementina Black, and a Preface by Mrs. Humphry Ward.

"Four-Leaved Clover." By Maxwell Gray.

"Love and His Mask." By Menie Muriel Dowie.

"The Luck of the Vails." By E. F. Benson.

"The Inheritors." By Joseph Conrad and F. M. Hueffer.

"Sawdust." By Dorothea Gerard.

"By the Ionian Sea." By George Gissing.

### Coming Events.

THE INTERNATIONAL NURSES' CONGRESS.

September 16th.—Meetings of the National Associated Alumnae, of the Superintendents' Society, of the International Council of Nurses.

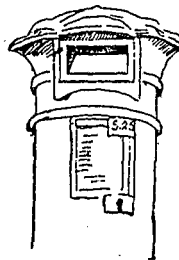
September 18th.—Opening of the International Nurses' Congress, Buffalo, U.S.A.

September 21st.—Trained Nurses' Day at the Pan-American Exposition, Buffalo.

Meeting in the Temple of Music.

## 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.*

### THE DISPOSAL OF WOUNDED IN NAVAL ACTIONS.

To the Editor of the "Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—I read with much interest in your issue of last week the discussion by Fleet-Surgeon Kirker of that most interesting question the disposal of the wounded in naval actions. During residence in an important tropical seaport I had various opportunities of becoming acquainted with the men-of-war which were constantly in the harbour. The one point which strikes me most is, I think, their inadaptability for the treatment of the sick and wounded.

So much was this the case that the medical officer on one of them told me that he always, if possible, sent serious cases to the hospital on shore. In a man-of-war every inch of space is utilized, and I imagine it would be impossible to arrange adequate hospital accommodation. It appears to me that in naval actions in future only first aid should be rendered to the wounded on combatant ships, but that one or more hospital ships should form part of each fleet, and that as soon as possible after firing had ceased the wounded should be taken on board. These hospital ships might either be attached to the respective combatants, or might be maintained by the Red Cross Society, in which case, of course, they would afford assistance impartially.

I feel sure that to nurse the wounded on ships designed with this intention would be found more satisfactory than any attempt to accommodate them on men-of-war which are constructed with a view to fighting.

I am, dear Madam,

Yours faithfully,

A NURSE WHO HAS TRAVELLED.

### THE INTERNATIONAL NURSES' CONGRESS.

To the Editor of the "Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—I am delighted to see that so many nursing associations in this country are to be represented at the International Nurses' Congress at Buffalo. This is a proof of what nurses can do when they put their shoulders to the wheel. I shall look forward with the greatest interest to reading the accounts of the meetings which I am sure will appear in the NURSING RECORD. I only wish that I were able to attend them in person, but as this is not possible the next best thing is to have the RECORD. What indeed should we do without it?

I am, Dear Madam,

Yours truly,

AN APPRECIATIVE READER.

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