

Hitherto, there has seemed no flaw in her philosophy of life, except that, whenever it has come to the push, she has found herself unable to act up to it. She has not availed herself of the calf-love of her pupil's big brother, though a prospective baronet; nor of the elderly affection of Mr. Maclean. She couldn't, somehow. But in the case of Mr. Aikman, she really means business. Marry him she will, if she can; but, for long, there seems no chance of it. Then, when love awakes, the whole of her carefully-erected little scheme of philosophy falls to the ground. She has "sinned against love," and the knowledge bows her down to the earth. For the solution of her difficulties, go to the book itself. It is admirable reading all through; but may we make one little remonstrance to the author, in the simple matter of proof-correcting? One of the characters, a girl who appears in the book somewhat prominently, is called Edith about half-way through, and re-appears later on as Ethel. This, to a reader who takes her fiction seriously enough to get really interested, amounts to a kind of insult. The author herself cared so little for her own creation that she couldn't even remember her name! It is a real blemish.

G. M. R.

Tell Him So.

By J. A. EGERTON.

If you have a word of cheer
That may light the pathway drear
Of a brother pilgrim here,
Let him know.

Show him you appreciate
What he does; and do not wait
Till the heavy hand of Fate
Lays him low.

If your heart contains a thought
That will brighter make his lot,
Then, in mercy, hide it not;
Tell him so.

—From the *Idler*.

What to Read.

"On the Polar Star in the Arctic Sea." By H.R.H. the Duke of the Abruzzi.

"Basutoland: Its Legends and Customs." By Minnie Martin.

"Life and Labour of the People in London." By Charles Booth. Assisted by Jesse Argyle, Ernest Aves, George E. Arkell, Arthur L. Baxter, and others.

"The Diary of a Turk." By Halil Halid, M.A., M.R.A.S.

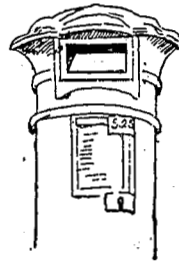
"Cornelius." By Mrs. De La Pasture.

"Thirty Years in Australia." By Ada Cambridge.

"Women under the Factory Act." By N. Vynne and H. Blackburn.

"The Seven Secrets." By Wm. Le Queux.

"The Sword of Azrael: a Chronicle of the Great Mutiny." By John Hayman.



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.

CRIPPLED CHILDREN.

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

DEAR MADAM,—My accounts for the Guildhall banquet to poor children, and the crippled children's hampers, have, as usual, been audited by Mr. Deputy W. H. Pannell, F.C.A., and they show that the total of donations received was £1,729 1s. 3d.

A balance with interest brought forward from 1902 amounted to £266 9s.

After paying for the dinners, defraying the cost of 6,077 hampers, and the expenses of distribution, I am left with a balance in hand of £208 10s. 9d.

So confident am I that when the time comes round again for repeating the appeal I shall not fail to meet with adequate support, I have resolved to make immediate use of the cash at disposal.

The hampers given to crippled children at the close of the year are never forgotten. They have the effect of continually bringing to my notice most pitiable cases of afflicted little ones, urgently requiring surgical instruments. I propose, therefore, to assist their parents in well-authenticated instances of need and provide these invaluable reliefs to bodily suffering, and, if the £208 permits, I may, perhaps, be able to supplement this help by the gift of a small sum to the most deserving, whereby a breath of fresh air may be obtained in the country.

I am, Madam,

Your obedient servant,

69, Ludgate Hill, W. P. TRELOAR,
London, E.C. Alderman.

NURSING ORGANISATION.

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

DEAR MADAM,—May I crave space to explain to Mr. Douglas Bryan, in reply to his remarks on my letter concerning the maternity nurse, that, far from making no definite suggestion as to the training of this particular nurse, I considered I had indicated a simple and adequate remedy for the evils of the present system in proposing that all nurses should hold the triple qualification—for medical, surgical, and obstetric nursing. Evidently I did not express myself as clearly as I intended to do. I may be wrong, but to my mind a registered nurse who had not qualified in maternity nursing would be as far from completeness as a medical practitioner who had no knowledge of midwifery.

I am,

Dear Madam,

Yours faithfully,

MENA BEILBY.

THE MANY-SIDED PRIVATE NURSE.

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

DEAR MADAM,—The majority of nurses are as a

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