

Peter, assuredly. Let him try. And if the good God hears a commotion at the gate, He will only shrug His shoulders. He will say to S. Peter, 'Let pass; it is only Papa Barlasch.'" G. M. R.

Autumn.

Rosy tints of apple red,
 Yellow on the trees,
 Dewdrops on the spider's web,
 Drowsy honey-bees,
 Golden-crested corn sheaves,
 Sunset's crimson west;
 Summer, spring, or autumn,
 Which is best?
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 Youth's keen, restless spirit
 Calmed at last;
 Life's hard fought-out battles
 Long since past;
 Only Heaven before us,
 God's sweet rest;
 Of Life's seasons is not
 Autumn best?

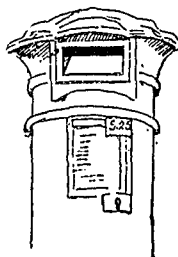
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What to Read.

- "The Relentless City." By E. F. Benson.
- "Ideals in Practice: with Some Account of Women's Work in Poland." By Countess Zamoyska. Translated from the French by Lady Margaret Domyile.
- "In a Little House." By Tom Gallon.
- "The Prime Minister and Mrs. Grantham." By Carlton Dawe.
- "Practical Nursing." By Isla Stewart and Herbert E. Cuff, M.D., F.R.C.S., Vol. II.

Coming Events.

- October 10th.—Thirtieth Annual Special Collection in aid of the medical charities of London by Hospital Saturday Fund.
- October 16th and 17th.—National Convention of persons interested in the Defence and Extension of the Civic Rights of Women, convened by the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies, the Holborn Town Hall. Apply for information to Miss Palliser, Secretary, 25, Victoria Street, S.W.
- October 22nd.—Meeting of the Executive Committee of the International Council of Nurses, Matron's House, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C., 3 p.m.
- Meeting of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, Matron's House, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, 4.30 p.m.
- October 23rd.—Meeting of the Executive Committee, Society for the State Registration of Nurses, 20, Upper Wimpole Street, 4.30 p.m.
- October 26th.—The Duchess of Albany, President of the Ladies' General Committee of the Royal Hospital for Children and Women, Waterloo Bridge Road, will lay the first stone of the new buildings, 3 p.m.
- October 27th.—The Marquis of Zetland, President of the Mount Vernon Hospital for Consumption, will open the new East Wing of the building.



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 GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL.

"How should a Central Nursing Council be formed so as to represent and protect the interests of those concerned—trained nurses, the medical profession and the public?"

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

DEAR MADAM,—In relation to the question to which you invited answers in your columns as to the best constitution of a Central Nursing Council, I should like to ask permission to bring a few points to the consideration of your readers. I notice your correspondent a "Graduate Nurse" suggests that there should be representation of the medical profession on the Nursing Council, and there is much to be said for this view. But I should like to suggest, what seems to have escaped the notice of your correspondent, that surely, logically, there are but two courses open in its formation.

The first, I take it, is to hold that the nursing, like the medical, profession should be entirely self-governing, and that the Council entrusted with the regulation and control of its affairs should be composed entirely of its own members. There is much to support this contention, and the views of those who strongly take up this position are entitled to all consideration.

But I confess that in this case I fail to see how your question can be answered, and how the interests of the medical profession and the public are to be represented on the Council. Possibly the public might obtain a certain amount of representation through nurse members of the Board who had retired from active nursing work and were in touch with public affairs. Even so, the point of view of these members would first of all be that of nurses, and I do not see how on a Board so constituted the medical profession is to have any representation at all. The General Nursing Council would, in this case, no doubt submit to the General Medical Council points which concerned the medical profession, and I confess, personally, I think this would prove a dignified method of conducting the business.

The second course is, while securing a majority of seats on the Nursing Board to representative nurses, to allot a proportion to medical practitioners and members of the public. If one of these classes has direct representation, it appears to me essential that the other should have it also. And, I am inclined to think, not only as a matter of policy, but also as one of principle, they ought to have it. In regard to educational questions, it is reasonable that the medical profession, who direct the work of nurses, should have a voice in the direction of their education. It is also conceivable that the older profession could afford us much valuable assistance in this connection.

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