

you know I've come to the conclusion that, to play it successfully, the woman, at least, ought not to be in love. Then she can "manage". Then she can play skilfully, and find her success amusing. But suggest her methods to a girl in love, and she thinks them degrading. Love is a horrid little god to woman. He first robs her of her best weapon, her sense of humour, and then, as the only method of restoring it to her, flies out of the window!"

G. M. R.

Azrael.

The angels in high places
Who minister to us,
Reflect God's smile—their faces
Are luminous,
Save one, whose face is hidden
(The Prophet saith),
The unwelcome, the unbidden,
Azrael, Angel of Death,
And yet that veiled face, I know,
Is lit by pitying eyes,
Like those faint stars, the first to glow
Through cloudy winter skies.

That they may never tire,
Angels, by God's decree
Bear wings of snow and fire,—
Passion and purity.
Save one, all unavailing
(The Prophet saith),
His wings are grey and trailing,
Azrael, Angel of Death.
And yet the souls that angel brings
Across the dark and cold,
Look up beneath those folded wings,
And find them lined with gold.

—ROBERT GILBERT WELSH, in *Harper's Magazine*,
June, 1905.

What to Read.

"Some Distinguished Victims of the Scaffold." By Horace Bleackley.

"In Remotest Barotseland: From the Victoria Falls to the Source of the Zambesi." By Col. Colin Harding, C.M.G., Acting Administrator of Barotseland.

"In a Syrian Saddle." By A. Goodrich-Freer.

"A Vagrant Englishwoman." By Catherine I. Dodd.

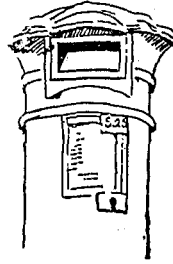
Coming Events.

July 19th.—Royal Institute of Public Health: Lord Londonderry gives an inaugural address before the London Congress, Haymarket Theatre, 3.

July 20th.—Medico-Psychological Association: Banquet, Whitehall Rooms, Hotel Metropole.

July 25th.—Princess Louise Duchess of Argyll will be present at "The Hermitage," Chailey (Guild of the Brave Poor Things), on the occasion of Speech Day, 3.30.

July 26th.—Opening of the Nurses' Home of the City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, Victoria Park, E.; by the President, the Duke of Connaught, 4.



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.

OUR GUINEA PRIZE.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I beg to acknowledge receipt of cheque for one guinea for prize puzzle. I am wishing myself many happy returns of the day!

With many thanks and best wishes for the future of the Journal.

Yours truly,

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RURAL DISTRICT NURSES.

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

DEAR MADAM,—Whilst thoroughly agreeing with those of your correspondents who think that the rural poor should be provided with thoroughly-trained nurses, I think "Late District Nurse" has been most unfortunate in her experience of hon. officers. I have always found committees and officers of County Nursing Associations most kind and considerate, and think they make mistakes through want of knowledge and experience. It is wonderful how much these charitable people learn if they happen to have relations who are trained nurses, as so many of them now have. We want a nursing standard, and then all the good people who want to help the sick poor will have something to go by.

Yours faithfully,

C. S. T.

HOSPITAL NURSES' HOMES.

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

DEAR MADAM,—Some little time ago a most interesting correspondence took place in your Journal about the question of detached Nurses' Homes, and all the Matrons appeared of one mind—that a nursing Home, if situated away from the hospital, was most inconvenient, dangerous to the health of the nursing staff, and subversive of good discipline.

I note in the plans for the new "King's" at Camberwell that the nurses' rooms are in the Administrative Block, right in the middle of the institution. Now, surely this is a very bad plan. It appears that this block will be shut in, and noisy, and the large number of nurses going in and out would surely not be conducive to "good discipline." Is it too late to hope that less space will be taken up with medical buildings, and space found for a detached Nurses' Home in the grounds; otherwise I fear the grave mistake of housing the nurses in the hospital will quickly make itself apparent when work is begun? The nursing staff is the domestic staff, and should be well and comfortably housed before buildings for scientific research are included. If there is not space for both,

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