

Jocelyn, whose warm Irish blood refuses hospitality to no one. Here Helen Graeme's fortunes lead her. The picture of Mrs. Jocelyn ministering to her guest's needs—tea and toast, made on the gas-stove in the passage—is inimitable. In sharp contrast comes the Rendall establishment—a typical country house, ruled by the rich, piously-inclined mistress, with a would-be worthy husband.

There are too many gems in the book to do justice to all, but amongst them the solid character of Duncan Mackenzie, the Graeme's loyal piper, and the description of the Miss Graemes going house-hunting are specially noteworthy.

E. L. H.

COMING EVENTS.

May 21st.—The Annual Meeting of Subscribers and Friends of Promotion of the Higher Training of Midwives, 24, Park Lane, W. The Countess of Stamford in the chair, 3.30 p.m.

May 22nd.—Princess Henry of Battenberg opens a Sale for the Army and Navy Male Nurses' Co-operation (47b, Welbeck Street), Caxton Hall (two days).

May 26th.—First of a Course of Lectures on Babies at the Infants' Hospital, Vincent Square, S.W. "How to Advise Mothers of the Poorer Classes in the Management of their Babies," by Dr. Ralph Vincent. *June 2nd.*—"Disorders incident to Birth," by Dr. T. N. Kelynaek. Two further lectures will follow. 5 p.m.

May 27th.—Fifth annual meeting of the Rural Midwives' Association, by kind permission of Lady Esther Smith, at 3, Grosvenor Place, London, S.W. F. Newman Rogers, Esq., M.P., in the chair. Certificates to be presented by the Countess of Radnor, 3 p.m.

May 29th.—Annual General Meeting, Asylum Workers' Association, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London, W., 3.30 p.m.

June 13th.—National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies. Great Procession of Women Suffragists. Start Victoria Embankment, Northumberland Avenue, and march to the Albert Hall, 3 p.m. Mass meeting, Albert Hall, 5 p.m. Mrs. Fawcett, LL.D., in the chair. Speakers: The Lady Frances Balfour, the Lady Henry Somerset, the Rev. Anna Shaw, U.S.A.

June 15th.—The Pan-Anglican Conference opens in London.

June 21st.—The National Women's Social and Political Union, Great Demonstration of Suffragists will march to Hyde Park from Euston Station, Trafalgar Square, the Victoria Embankment, Chelsea Embankment, Kensington High Street, Paddington Station, Marylebone Road. Nurses invited to take part. All arrangements notified in "Votes for Women," price one penny weekly.

A WORD FOR THE WEEK.

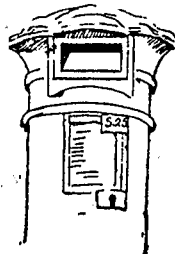
"Think, as if man had never thought before!
Act, as if all creation hung attent
On the acting of such faculty as thine,
To take prime pattern from thy masterpieces."

—ROBERT BROWNING.

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 NURSES' OFFICIAL DIRECTORY BILL.

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

DEAR EDITOR,—I have just now got the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, and I want to send you, in the name of "Nosokomos," our best congratulations on your victory. It is a glorious thing that the Bill was rejected. We all rejoice with you.

Yours very truly,

J. C. VAN LANSOLOT HUBRECHT,
Secretary of the Dutch Nurses'
Association.

Amsterdam.

HOT SPONGING.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I would be glad if any of your readers who now use hot sponging to reduce temperature instead of cold would kindly tell me what temperature they use the water at, and if the effect is as good as from the cold. I had an enteric patient whom I sponged with very hot water, and afterwards rubbed over with spirits of wine. The result was a slight drop in temperature, which was maintained for about eight hours. The kidneys, which were sluggish, acted after the sponge. The patient slept, and said she felt more comfortable and much less tired than after a cold sponge. I should be glad of any information on this point.

Yours truly,

A NURSE IN INDIA.

THE CARE OF INFANTS.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I am very pleased to find that the most interesting and valuable "Lectures on Babies," recently delivered by Dr. Kelynaek at the Infants' Hospital, Westminster, are being published in the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING. As a rule I have found nurses are woefully ignorant of all that concerns babies. Even if, during the course of their three years' training they have worked in a children's ward—and all large hospitals even yet do not possess such a ward—the percentage of infants received into a general hospital is small, and I have often seen a nurse holding a three years' certificate from a good school quite as awkward and unready when handling an infant as the newest probationer. There must be something defective in our system of training for this to be so, but meanwhile, though theoretical instruction can never take the place of practical work, I would advise all nurses who can to attend the lectures at the Infants' Hospital. They will understand at least what a very specialised branch of nursing the care of infants is, and how much there is to learn about it, and I do

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