

with him, more than with anyone else, one feels the great power of Jenny's personality.

She makes great mistakes, and many, paying for them bitterly, yet, given the chance, would have done the same again.

E. L. H.

AFTER HARVEST.

Between the summer and the snow
There are three joys that lovers know.

There is good leafage, brown and red,
Fashioned for young Love's girlstead.

Small golden berries in the woods,
Meet for young maidens wimple-hoods.

Sea-swallows flying oversea
Cry of the singing-time to be.

These be three wistful joys that go
Between the summer and the snow.

ETHEL TALBOT,

Westminster Gazette.

COMING EVENTS.

November 27th.—Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, 431, Oxford Street, 3 p.m.

November 27th.—The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland. Meeting of the Council, 431, Oxford Street, London, W., 4 p.m. Tea.

Agenda: To consider preliminary arrangements for the Quinquennial Meeting of the International Council of Nurses, to meet in London, July, 1909.

December 2nd.—Sussex County Nursing Association. The Annual Meeting, The Pavilion, Brighton. Lord Edmund Talbot, M.P., will preside. 3.30 p.m.

December 12th.—Meeting of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses.

THE ROYAL INFIRMARY, EDINBURGH.

Lectures. — Extra Mural Medical Theatre, 4.30 p.m. Trained Nurses cordially invited.

December 2nd.—Some Practical Points in the Treatment and Nursing of Brain and Spine Cases. By Mr. Cotterill, F.R.C.S.E.

December 16th.—The Nature and Treatment of Neurasthenia, by Dr. Alexander Bruce.

ULSTER BRANCH IRISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

The following lectures will be held in the Club-room, 16, Crane's Buildings, Wellington Place, Belfast:—

December 2nd.—Social Meeting, 6.30 to 10 p.m.

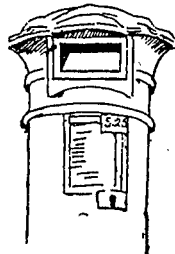
December 9th.—"Mental Nursing," by Dr. J. Patrick, at 7.30 p.m.

Members may bring a friend on payment of sixpence to the secretary.

A WORD FOR THE WEEK.

The world moves along, not merely by the gigantic shoves of its hero workers, but by the aggregate tiny pushes of every honest worker whatever. All men may give some tiny push or other, and feel that they are doing something for mankind.—
J. R. GREEN.

Letters to the Editor.



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 TUBERCULOSIS NURSE AS A SOCIAL WORKER."

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

DEAR MADAM,—I have read with interest the article on the above subject in the columns of your Journal for November 21st. I wonder if it is generally known that during the training period of six months in our Queen's Jubilee Homes special lectures are given on "Social Economics," or Poor-Law Administration, and other charities, as well as lectures on hygiene and many other subjects, all of which are most useful in working amongst the poor, and in the midst, often, of insanitary surroundings.

At the end of her district training a Queen's Nurse should know how to deal with a family similar to the one mentioned in the above article. She would report the case to the Charity Organisation Society, and other charities, and with their co-operation each member of the family would be suitably and adequately helped, and at the same time the interest of each charity would be watched by the nurse to prevent unnecessary over-lapping.

She would also be able to recognise when it is a case for the Poor-Law Guardians to deal with instead of other charities, and see that it is brought to their notice.

She is also aware to whom she should report insanitary conditions or surroundings of a house, whilst at the same time she knows she must go about such matters in a very tactful and yet effectual manner to prevent friction.

A District Nurse starting out with the knowledge she has gained on "social" subjects whilst in training should (granting she is an intelligent woman) gain considerable experience by constantly coming in contact with conditions and surroundings concerning which such knowledge is required. She frequently finds the head of a family suffering from some acute disease, and no provision has been made by joining a club. The nurse must know something about the different clubs and their respective merits, and try to persuade her patient to join one on his recovery, advising him as to which will be the most suited to his circumstances. From my long experience as a Queen's Nurse I feel sure that the training in our homes, and the subsequent experience in a district should be invaluable "social" training for any nurse who might wish later to take up work in connection with an Anti-Tuberculosis Society, or any other society for social reform, where social training and experience are necessary. In fact, the nurse who begins work amongst the poor without any special training on social subjects must feel inadequate to the work taken up.

A QUEEN'S NURSE.

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