

the Cardross's do not belong, and, although money had done much, it had not exempted them from the half-snobbish exclusiveness of the elect. Shiela, a beautiful girl of twenty, is not the Cardross's own daughter, they having adopted her as an infant from a foundling hospital before their own children were born, and round this nameless girl the chief interest of the story revolves. When at eighteen she is, with all tenderness, told the truth about herself, the effect on her sensitive, proud nature is terrible, and in a moment of madness she commits a mistake which threatens the entire ruin of her own life and several others.

Mr. Chambers is a firm believer in heredity, and works out his theory very cleverly in the cases of both Shiela and Louis Malcourt. It is well for Shiela that the man she learns to love, loves her so well as to save her from herself.

Louis Malcourt, with whom Shiela's life is for a time closely connected, is an interesting study of a young fellow with extraordinary charm of personality, reckless in the extreme, full of kindly impulses, which he masks under a bitter cynicism; his own worst enemy, one would say, did one not know of the terrible heredity which overshadows his whole life.

Constance Palliser and Virginia Suydam, both of them related to Hamil, are well drawn, fine specimens of the great ladies of the old régime. The amusements of the many and varying sections of society at Palm Beach are graphically described—the quiet, reserved life of Constance, the frankly homely and wholly natural Cardross family, with the strange, exotic adopted daughter Shiela; the Beach Club, where the faster youth found its joy—all is bathed in the glow of perpetual sunshine, making Florida appear a truly desirable spot to a dweller beneath our grey and gloomy skies.

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## Coming Events.

*April 14th to 17th.*—Midwifery and Nursing Exhibition, Grafton Galleries, Grafton Street, London. Admission free.

*April 16th.*—Lantern Lecture to Nurses by Mr. Stephen Paget, F.R.C.S. Royal Society of Medicine, 20, Hanover Square, W. 3 p.m.

*April 16th.*—Inaugural Meeting, Certified Midwives' Total Abstinence League, Out-patients' Hall, London Temperance Hospital, Hampstead Road, N.W., 7 p.m. Wards on view, 6—7 p.m.

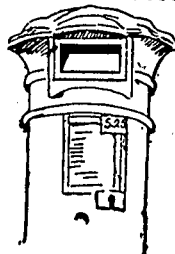
*April 20th.*—Opening of the New Nurses' Home and Out-patient Department of the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital by Princess Alexander of Teck.

*April 22nd.*—Meeting, Central Midwives' Board, Caxton House, Westminster. 2.45 p.m.

*April 24th.*—Annual Meeting of the Nurses' Missionary League, University Hall, Gordon Square, W.C. Meeting, 9.45—11.30 a.m. Conversazione, 2.30—5.30 p.m. Meeting, 7.30—9.30 p.m.

*April 26th to May 2nd.*—Congress of the International Woman Suffrage Alliance, St. James' Hall, Great Portland Street, W. President, Mrs. Chapman Catt, United States of America.

## 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.*

### PETITION FOR CENTRAL EXAMINATION.

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

DEAR MADAM,—As a Scottish trained nurse working on a "Co-op" in London, I have been gathering signatures in favour of Mr. Munro-Ferguson's Bill. Now I gather from the *BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING* that it is probable an amendment may be accepted omitting Scotland from the Bill, and therefore preventing me and other Scotswomen from being registered under the Act. This seems most unjust. This Bill has been before Parliament for years, and why, at the last moment, just as Registration is coming, are we unfortunate Scottish nurses, without our consent, to be injured in this way? Surely some clause could be inserted giving us the choice of which Bill we wish to register under. All nurses who feel injured, as I do, should protest by writing to Mr. J. W. Cleland, M.P., House of Commons, and ask him why he has brought in a Bill for Scotland only, when it forms part of the United Kingdom, so far as nurses are concerned, and also why his Bill deprives us of a central examination? The apathy of nurses is dangerous in the extreme at this crisis. No wonder people just ignore us, and never consult us about our own affairs. Is there nothing we can do to save ourselves?

Yours truly,

A BUSY PRIVATE NURSE.

[Sign the Petition on Page iii of cover.—ED.]

### ANTI-MALARIAL MEASURES.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I read with much interest in last week's *Journal* the suggestions made by Professor Ronald Ross as to the prevention of malaria. It seems to me most important that nurses going to tropical places, where malaria is prevalent, should receive definite instructions as to the methods they should practice and inculcate as to the prevention of this disease. I know that some nurses have the advantage of a course of instruction in the London or Liverpool Schools of Tropical Medicine before proceeding abroad, but these are necessarily a small proportion of the total number. I feel strongly that during their three years' course of training at least one or two lectures on malaria and other tropical diseases should be delivered to nurses. So many of us are suddenly summoned abroad, and there is no time for special preparation. In my own case I left England for a tropical appointment exactly three weeks after I gave up a matronship in England, during which time I had to attend to my outfit and pay various visits. What time was there to gain special knowledge as to the care of

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