

and obstinacy once more come to his aid; he determines to keep on his own course, but to win his son's love in the end.

Robin is a nice young fellow, only very young, an echo of the family traditions, with a touch of the young 'Varsity man, amazingly wise in his own eyes.

Luck is on Harry's side, a flirtation with a pretty girl whilst at Cambridge and a subsequent abrupt breaking off of his engagement, threatened to land Robin in an awkward predicament. His father, unknown to him, succeeds in settling the matter quietly, when both uncle and aunt fail. Robin has been gradually realising that he has misunderstood his father, and is manly enough to show his gratitude and ask forgiveness for his former attitude. The reader feels that Harry Trojan will be a worthy head of an old family, and it is pleasant to realise that in charming Mary Bethel he has found a real helpmate; their's is a delightful little love story, skilfully interwoven with the other incidents.

E. L. H.

#### COMING EVENTS.

June 2nd to 19th.—Tuberculosis Exhibition, Art Gallery, Whitechapel. Evening Lectures:—

June 14th, "The White Plague and How to Prevent It," by Peter M. Short, Esq., B.Sc.; June 16th, "The Spread of Tuberculosis by Means of Milk," by Dr. Nathan Raw.

June 8th to July 3rd.—Missionary Exhibition, organised by the Church Missionary Society, Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, N.

#### TERRITORIAL FORCE NURSING SERVICE.

##### LECTURES ON ARMY SANITATION.

June 9th.—"The Bacteriology of Diseases Common to Armies in the Field," by Dr. R. Tanner Hewlett, Professor of General Pathology and Bacteriology in King's College, London, and Examiner in Tropical Medicine, University of London.

June 16th.—"Inoculation Methods for the Prevention of the Diseases to which the Soldier is Liable," by Lieut.-Col. S. Monckton Copeman, Sanitary Officer, 1st London Division, Territorial Force.

Members of the Territorial Force Nursing Service are permitted to attend these lectures.

June 11th.—Opening of a Fancy Fair in aid of the Canine Nurses' Institute, at the Chandos Hall, Maiden Lane, 12 o'clock.

June 11th and 12th.—Sale of Work towards the extinction of the debt, by the Matron and Nursing Staff, Prince of Wales' General Hospital, Tottenham.

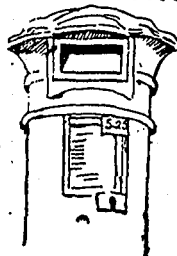
June 13th.—Hospital Sunday.

June 14th.—Women Writers' Dinner—Twentieth Annual Dinner. Chairman, Mrs. George Cornwallis West. Criterion Restaurant, 7.45.

June 18th.—Meetings of the Executive Committee, the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland, 431, Oxford Street, 4 p.m.

June 24th.—Colonial Nursing Association. The Annual Meeting, by the kind permission of Lady Wantage, will be held at 2, Carlton Gardens. H.R.H. Princess Christian will attend, and Lord Amphill, the President, will preside.

## 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.

#### SICK-ROOM HELPERS.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I was very glad to read the interesting paper on Sick Room Helpers, read by Miss Rathbone at the Jubilee Congress of District Nursing at Liverpool. I have long been convinced that the problem of helping the poor in their own homes in case of sickness is not by lowering the standard of nursing in order to provide them with help in the household, but by supplementing the work of the nurse, or, in other words, by a division of labour. As Lady Helen Munro-Ferguson so wisely pointed out at the same Congress, if you require of one person skilled work and rough manual toil you must under-pay her if you pay her on the basis of her skilled work, and vice-versa. If both the nurse and the helper can be supplied by the same society, or by societies working in connection with one another, it makes no doubt for smoothness and efficiency, but I have known a group of useful women of this kind gather quite informally round the work of a Maternity Nursing Association in a poor part of London. Originally engaged by the patients, they came to understand that "following the nurses" was a profitable occupation, and very useful many of them were. Systematically organised, and instructed in the duties of "Sick Room Helpers," I can imagine they would become most valuable. Trained Nurses quite appreciate the need and value of these workers, but they do not consider they ought to be supplied by ladies of influence to the trusting poor as skilled nurses, or that the sick poor should pay for their services believing that they are paying for trained nurses.

I am, Dear Madam,

Yours faithfully,

THREE YEARS' CERTIFICATE.

#### A BAD EXAMPLE.

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

DEAR MADAM,—On all sides one reads of protests against the wearing of trained nurses' uniform by untrained persons. This is an abuse which has now gone too far ever to be stopped. Ladies working on philanthropic missions—such as Lady Henry Somerset, Mrs. Hugh Price Hughes, Mrs. George Cornwallis-West, Miss Agnes Keyser, and many others, have set the example—and now the habit has percolated through every stratum of society until it has reached the dregs. Under these circumstances what is to be done? There recently appeared in a West London police court a dress-maker charged with disorderly conduct, who, wish-

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