

ground; the ground is hard, there is no mud, the very last leaves come down, and are swept away, and we are so tidy I feel depressed. All the same given a real full moon, can anything be more exquisite than a late walk home about Christmas-time."

And so "Nature and the Garden have done their kindly work for me, and caused me to love the very life at which I have girded over and over again. I really do not want to die at all, and whenever Death calls for me I shall at any rate feel very much annoyed."

I can hardly believe I once adored London. Dear time of peace and rest! God planted a garden, says the old gardener in his *Paradisus*, and he put men and women there.

When we lie down to rest in our last bed, let us ask but one boon, "Que la terre soit legère."

H. H.

#### VERSE.

The charities that soothe and heal and bless,  
Are scattered at the feet of men like flowers,  
The generous inclination, the just rule,  
Kind wishes and good actions and pure thoughts.  
No mystery here; no special boon  
For high and not for low; the proudly graced,  
And not for meek of heart. The smoke ascends  
To heaven as lightly from the cottage hearth  
As from the haughty palace.

William Wordsworth.

#### COMING EVENTS.

*March 2nd.*—Nurses' Union Meeting, 5, Cambridge Gate, Regent's Park. Tea, 3 p.m. Lecture by the Rev. H. E. Gunson, 3.15. Nurses are invited.

*March 3rd.*—Royal Sanitary Institute, 90, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W. Lectures for School Nurses and Health Visitors commence.

*March 3rd.*—Territorial Force Nursing Service, City and County of London. Meeting, Executive Committee, Mansion House, 3.30 p.m.

*March 7th.*—Infants' Hospital, Vincent Square, S.W. Lecture on Babies, by Dr. Ralph Vincent. "The Treatment of Infantile Malnutrition." 5 p.m.

*March 8th.*—Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh. Lecture on "The Nursing of Respiratory Cases," by Dr. Harry Rainy. All trained nurses cordially invited. Extra Mural Medical Theatre. 4.30 p.m.

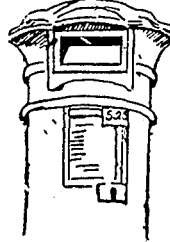
*March 8th.*—Irish Nurses' Association, 34, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin. Lecture on "Some Surgical Conditions of the Brain," by Mr. Pearson, 7.30 p.m.

*March 9th.*—Annual Meeting, Shoreditch and Bethnal Green District Nursing Association, St. Leonard's Parish Room, Shoreditch, 5 p.m.

*March 10th.*—Association for Promoting the Training and Supply of Midwives. Seventh Annual Meeting, 24, Park Lane, W. Princess Christian will preside. 3.30 p.m.

*March 10th.*—Twenty-first Annual General Meeting of the Hammersmith and Fulham District Nursing Association, Bishop Creighton House, 378, Lillie Road, Fulham, 5 p.m.

## 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 SPIRIT OF THE PAGEANT.

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

DEAR MADAM,—Once again the trained nurses of the United Kingdom have cause to thank you for your unfailing efforts on their behalf. Indeed, we do thank you for the conception of a great idea, and the splendid method in which it was carried out under your very capable management. Also for showing the public by beautiful imagery the dire needs of the sick, as well as our long struggle under your leadership for higher educational standards and a just recognition of their profession for those who undertake the responsibility of nursing the sick and spreading the knowledge of the laws of health.

No one who saw the Nursing Pageant on February 18th, setting forth as it did in beautiful and picturesque form our needs and desires, could fail to be moved by the earnestness of purpose shown, as well as the public benefit which State Registration of trained nurses would confer.

To Miss Mollett we tender our grateful thanks for the simple and beautiful words in which our aims and objects were set forth. Also to those who so kindly personified your great idea, and gave of their time to make it a living reality, we are greatly indebted.

Words, however, are base metal to use when we know our indebtedness is so overwhelmingly great, but may they serve in this instance to show that there are those who do realise and appreciate the arduous task which you have undertaken in endeavouring to raise the standard of education and status of the trained nurse.

Yours faithfully and gratefully,  
The Chestnuts, Ebbford. MARY BURR.

#### LOVELY, INSTRUCTIVE AND INSPIRING.

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

DEAR MADAM,—The splendid gathering held on the 18th inst in the Connaught Rooms proves the wonderful results of co-operation. I was delighted to be a member of the National Council of Nurses through the affiliation of the League to which I belong. One can only feel sorry for nurses who have no League, and who are not one of us, but no doubt in time every training school will associate its graduates together, and help us to make our National Council more and more influential. We are all hoping the Pageant and Masque will be presented again—it was lovely, instructive, and inspiring.

MEMBER BARTS' LEAGUE.

[The Editor regrets several letters have had to be held over for lack of space.]

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