

him, on the suggestion that his weak will could in this manner be strengthened by the powerful nature. "Chichester asserted that by degrees he felt more resolute, less plastic." At last instinct warned the Rector to "Stop while there is time." Chichester "resisted my proposal (to discontinue the sittings) and I found myself obliged to comply with his will, instead of imposing mine upon him."

The terrible consequences of his sin, which included the alienation of his wife's adoring affection, are described in terms that only could come from the graphic pen of Mr. Hichens.

Chichester's confession of how "we sat in the darkness, and more deeply than ever before I went down into the darkness. I tried to turn away, but I could not—I could not," was spoken in the little room, where was the Madonna, "The Light of the World," the piano, and the neatly-bound books of the curate of St. Joseph's.

This strangely fascinating study ends with the reflections of Professor Hepton, the scientist. "A little science," he muttered, "sends a man far away from God. A great deal of science brings a man back to God. Which is it now—your professor, you? Which is it now?"

H. H.

VERSE.

Yet shrink not thou, who'er thou art,
For God's great purpose set apart,
Before whose far-discerning eyes,
The Future as the Present lies!
Beyond a narrow-bounded age
Stretches thy prophet-heritage,
Through Heaven's dim spaces angel-trod,
Through arches round the throne of God!
Thy audience, worlds!—all Time to be,
The witness of the Truth in thee!

"Ezekiel," Whittier.

COMING EVENTS.

April 20th.—Meeting Executive Committee, the Society for the State Registration of Nurses, 431, Oxford Street, W., 4.30 p.m.

April 25th.—Irish Nurses' Association, 34, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin. Lecture on "The Ear and Nose," by Dr. Graham.

April 27th.—Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland. Meeting, Leicester Infirmary, Business, Short Paper for Discussion, "The Work of a Central Nursing Council," by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick.

April 28th.—Guy's Hospital Past and Present Nurses' League. Annual Dinner. Miss Swift (formerly Matron) in the chair, 7 p.m. Annual Meeting, 8 p.m.

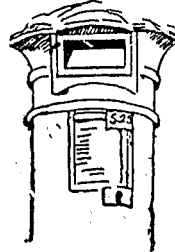
May 4th.—The Magpie Madrigal Society's Concert in aid of the Hammersmith and Fulham District Nursing Association. Royal Horticultural Hall, Vincent Square, Westminster. 8.30 p.m.

WORD FOR THE WEEK

"Superior advantages bind us to larger liberality."

EMERSON.

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.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITION.

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

DEAR MADAM,—With great pleasure and surprise I received your cheque to-night. The article was written so hurriedly that I feared it might be full of faults, but am only too glad it met with your approval since this is my first appearance in print.

Yours faithfully,

FLORENCE LEWSLEY.

Drayton Road, Harlesden.

THE NIGHTINGALE MEMORIAL.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I also am a member like Miss Mollett of the General Committee of the Florence Nightingale Memorial, and wish to support her point of view, but for reasons which are apparent I fear I must do so anonymously. I wish to support Miss Mollett's suggestion that there shall be two distinct funds for the two memorials thrust upon us by the Executive Committee, without consulting the General Committee—one for the Statue, the other for the Annuities. To the first many nurses wish what little they can afford to go. To the latter, of which they disapprove, they do not wish to subscribe. I fear, unless this suggestion is adopted, that a large number of nurses and their friends will not subscribe at all.

Also the Statue must be most beautiful and necessarily costly, a cheap Statue will not be a work of art. I feel indignant that such a suggestion was thrown out by Lord Pembroke. For the erection of the Statue fund, our soldiers might with propriety be given an opportunity to subscribe, but if they are invited to help to provide annuities for civil nurses, the nurses will have cause for protest.

Yours truly,

A PROFESSIONAL WOMAN.

[We have held over several letters on this question, for lack of space.—Ed].

Notices.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS FOR APRIL.

April 15th.—What is the most important feature in the treatment of diabetic patients?

April 22nd.—What are the usual symptoms of pregnancy?

April 29th.—How are burns usually classified?

Rules for competing for this competition will be found on page xii.

[previous page](#)

[next page](#)