

"Ah, that's the dreadful thing about helping the poor in London. Whatever one does, one always reaches the point of turning away and refusing."

"'H'm,' said Ayres, with a momentary shadow on his bright face, 'I suppose it is rather like that.'

The oppressed appealed instinctively to this man, and the way in which he deals with Baily, who is persecuting a poor girl with his attentions, is, to say the least of it, forcible.

"'Now, don't be silly as well as mean,' said Ayres rather as though he were addressing a small boy, 'I'm telling you, you must not go to Harcourt Place again. I mean it. I'm not playing.'

"'And pray, how do you propose to prevent my going where I choose?'

"'Well, you're free to go anywhere else you choose, but you mustn't go there because—well, I won't let you. The law takes no account of your particular wickedness, I'm told, so it's up to me.

If you go there again I'll thrash you till you can't stand. Good-day.'

We could do with a little more of his sort. The story will appeal to those who are interested in social reform, for, as he himself says of these matters, "The word has gone out, the signal's up, and already the rally is such as England has never seen before."

H. H.

COMING EVENTS.

February 3rd and 4th.—Provincial Sessional Meeting of Royal Sanitary Institute, at Bradford.

February 6th.—Lyceum Club, Piccadilly, W. "Evolution of Trained Nursing" Dinner. 7.30 p.m.

February 8th.—Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh. Lecture on "Food and Feeding," by Dr. Chalmers Watson. All trained nurses cordially invited. Extra Mural Medical Theatre, 4.30 p.m.

February 11th.—Central Midwives' Board Examination in London and the Provinces.

REGISTRATION REUNION.

February 18th.—A Reunion in support of the Bill for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, under the authority of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland, will take place in the Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, London, W.C., 8 p.m. to 12. Reception, 8 p.m.

A Nursing Masque of the Evolution of Trained Nursing will be presented at 8.30 p.m.

Music and Refreshments.

Tickets on sale at 431, Oxford Street, London, W. Reserved seats (limited), 10s. 6d. and 7s. 6d.; unreserved, 5s.; Nurses' tickets, 3s. 6d.; Performers, 2s. 6d. To be obtained from Pageant Secretary.

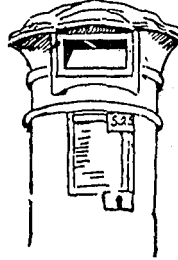
Nurses' Tickets, 3s. 6d., at the office, BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING (first floor), 11, Adam Street, Strand, W.C.; and from Matrons who offer to have them on sale or return.

WORD FOR THE WEEK

Never bear more than one kind of trouble at a time. Some people bear three kinds—all they have had, all they have now, and all they expect to have.

HALE.

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,—I beg to acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of your cheque for 5s., being the competition prize offered in your Journal last week in answer to the question, "How to Succeed as a Private Nurse." I am glad to have been successful, and shall read with interest Miss E. Barton's paper when it is published, as it is a subject on which much can be written and learnt.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

JULIA HURLSTON.

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THE BLUE CROSS SCHOOL FOR NURSES, NAPLES.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I see in the number of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING for December 31st that in recording the progress of nursing in Italy no mention is made of the Blue Cross School for Nurses, which was started in this city 16 years ago under my direction, and has lately been carried on with the assistance of Miss Bertha Tulloch, of the St George's Hospital, London.

While I do not attempt to deny that the efforts of my two friends and fellow-pioneers, Miss Snell and Miss Turton, in Rome, have been crowned with more brilliant success than ours, chiefly owing to our having begun our work in a far less evolved centre, I cannot, in justice to the noble and persistent efforts of our Patroness, the Princess of Strongoli, Lady in Waiting to her Majesty the Queen Mother, allow her school to pass entirely unnoticed in an international report.

In spite of endless pioneering struggles which it is at present needless to enumerate, we have succeeded in graduating, after a two years' course, 57 nurses, of whom the greater number have taken up private nursing, and are so much appreciated by the public that the demand far exceeds our supply. The same may be said of the institutional posts offered us. The nurses who are doing institutional work are placed as follows:—

Six as Head Nurses in the Royal Clinical Hospitals of this city (1st and 2nd surgical, 1st and 4th medical, nervous and eye-diseases).

Two are in the Policlinical Hospital in Rome, one as Theatre Sister under Miss Snell. Two more went there as relieving Staff Nurses during the summer holidays.

Four are Theatre Sisters in various hospitals in Naples, Teramo, and Chieti.

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