

Nurse Jennings told him: "I don't want to hurt you, but I must say it. All this has come about because she loved you too much, more than a man deserves to be loved I think, and you'll forgive me! She let me know how terribly she cared for you, and how terribly she felt it your being always with that family, and at last I said: 'I should like to bring it home to your husband what he's made you suffer.' Through it all, to my thinking, she was never bad. No; she was good right up to the end. She was, she was!"

Nurse Jennings is the best and wholesome thing in the book, and we are right glad to have met her; but surely her warm, Celtic nature obscured her good judgment in the last quoted remark, sincerely as we must pity poor Dolores.

But we entirely endorse her opinion: "It's difficult to bring anything home to a man."

H. H.

READ.

"The Everlasting Mercy." A Poem, by John Masefield.

"The Position of Women in Indian Life." By Her Highness the Maharani of Baroda and S. M. Mitra.

"I Remember: Memories of a 'Sky Pilot' in the Prison and the Slum." By John William Horsley, M.A.

"My Beautiful Neighbour." By Arabella Kenealy.

COMING EVENTS.

October 19th.—Society for State Registration of Trained Nurses. Executive Committee. 4 p.m. Tea.

October 23rd.—Central Midwives Board, Examination. London and Provinces.

October 24th.—The Infants' Hospital, Vincent Square, S.W. A Course of Lectures on Babies. "Modified Milk and its Preparation." Dr. Ralph Vincent, 3.30 p.m.

October 26th.—League of St. John's House Nurses, General Meeting. 12, Queen Square, W.C. 3 p.m.

October 27th.—The Mansion House, E.C. The Lady Mayoress's "At Home" to the Territorial Force Nursing Service, City and County of London. 8.30 p.m.

November 1st to 14th.—The Englishwoman's Exhibition of Art and Crafts in support of the magazine. A Nursing Stall. The Maddox Galleries, Maddox Street, W. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entrance, 1s.

November 25th.—Nurses' Missionary League. Sale of Work, Sloane Gardens' House, 52, Lower Sloane Street, 9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

A WORD FOR THE WEEK.

"Women have realised that they are not merely the embroidery but part of the fabric of Life itself."—*M. Mollett.*

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,—It is with much pleasure that I have to thank you for the cheque of 5s. received, the prize for competition paper on "Care of Surgical Instruments after Operations."

Yours faithfully,

E. H. GIBERT.

General Hospital, Birmingham,

A WOMAN'S GUILD FOR ST. BARTS.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—As a member of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, may I express my astonishment at receiving an invitation from Lord and Lady Sandhurst to attend a meeting at the Hospital on the 23rd inst. to help to inaugurate a "Woman's Guild" for the Hospital. After the breach of faith by the Governors last year with the Nursing School and the contempt with which our skilled woman's work for the Hospital was treated by both Governors and Medical Staff, I have felt it my duty in refusing this astonishing invitation, to inform Lord Sandhurst of my reason for doing so. It is to be hoped that others will do likewise.

I am, dear Madam,

Yours very truly,

CLARA LEE.

Thistledown, Letchworth.

INNOCENTS ABROAD.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I hope "Gladys Tatham" will not imagine that because I used the adjective, "high spirited," that I think a whit less seriously than she does of the conduct of the young curate, to whose sad fate I alluded in my previous letter. But, thirty years ago, many young men were thrust into the Church for family financial reasons—their relations being patrons of livings—who, by temperament, were quite unsuited for the high vocation to which they were called. Of course the system was wrong, and the lapse was wrong—I concede all that—but it was the tragic result of wrong-doing, and how to minimise it that I was discussing. I still think the punishment far too terrible for any human being to suffer. I differ from "Gladys Tatham," in her opinion that nurses are doing as much as medical men to prevent the spread of venereal disease; the former

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