

"That's the riddle of eternity, Aunt Cynthia. The solution lies farther out upon the circle, past the little door that you spoke of some time ago."

Aunt Cynthia was engaged, she said, "so many times it got to be rather a habit."

"It is all gone, Aunt Cynthia," said Judith, very gently. "There's nothing left but the ashes."

"The ashes of desire," muttered Miss Cynthia, "left from the fires of life."

But after long years of separation her romance ends in union with Martin.

He leaned forward and lifted her into his arms as though she were a child. He kissed the full, soft throat, the silvered hair, the dimpled hands, the wonderful, dreamy eyes, and then the sweet lips answered him with the rapture that follows long denial."

This volume of the Mauve Library is so daintily bound and printed that it greatly enhances the pleasure of the story it sets forth.

H. H.

COMING EVENTS.

October 31st.—Cookery and Food Exhibition. Opening by Princess Christian, Royal Horticultural Hall, Westminster. 3 p.m.

October 31st.—The Infants' Hospital, Vincent Square, S.W. A Course of Lectures on Babies. "Boiled milk, and the means by which its fatal effects on infants are produced." 3.30 p.m.

October 31st.—St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses' League. Lecture: "The Rise of the English Cathedrals." Mr. Allen Walker. 8 p.m.

October 31st.—Guy's Hospital Nurses' League. "The Nursing of Tropical Diseases." Miss A. Park. 8 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 3rd.—Nurses' Missionary League Lecture. By the Rev. Dugald Macfadyen, M.A., on "Christian Missions and the Modern Mind." University Hall, Gordon Square, W.C., 7.45 p.m.

November 8th.—Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh. Lecture: "Dietetic Customs and Personal Idiosyncrasy." By Dr. W. Russell. Extra Mural Medical Theatre. 4.30 p.m. All trained nurses cordially invited.

November 8th & 9th.—Sale in aid of the General Lying-in Hospital, York Road, S.W. By kind permission of Lady Esther Smith, 3, Grosvenor Place, S.W.

November 11th.—General Hospital, Birmingham. Nurses' League Annual Meeting. State Registration of Nurses. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick.

WORD FOR THE WEEK.

"As women are in the majority and cannot all get married, why should they not be free to mother the State? The State needs it badly."

EMILY DAVISON,
In *The Standard*.

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,—Thank you so much for the cheque, value 5s., for Competition Prize; also for honourable mention in connection with the Mask Prize.

Yours very faithfully,

EMILY MARSHALL.

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SEMI-TRAINED NURSES FOR THE IRISH POOR.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I was glad to see the condemnation in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING of the proposed scheme to introduce into the country districts of Ireland nurses who have only received a few months' training in a Scottish hospital. The emphatic and well-timed protest from the Irish Nurses' Association will also have its effect.

However, in this and in larger matters affecting nurses, it seems to me that the main point is missed—and nurses will discover it to their cost in connection with the National Insurance Bill at present before Parliament—I refer to the impossibility of obtaining satisfaction on any subject without proper organisation. Protests are ignored unless there is some weapon which will ensure that opinions are treated with respect. Surely one of the main objects of State Registration, for which the great body of nurses has been struggling for so long, is the elimination of nursing quacks, from whose methods not only the sick have suffered, but who are at present numerous enough to bring discredit on the whole nursing profession.

The present effort, however well intentioned, to introduce into the country in Ireland, women, who with little or no training will nevertheless find themselves in very responsible positions, ought to give a fresh stimulus to medical men, nurses, and the public, to push forward some Bill for the State Registration of properly trained nurses.

The organisation resulting from the passage of such a measure would effectually check the temptation to promote such nursing schemes as tend to victimise the poor, mislead the public, and undermine the reputation of those nurses who have received a thorough hospital training.

Faithfully yours,

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[We quite agree with Mr. W. I. de Courcy Wheeler. No secure progress can be made in either the educational or economic condition of Trained Nurses until the Law provides. Sound organisation

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