

in the condemned cell enables her to ask the Governor "to be allowed to visit my husband until he dies."

He gave her leave almost without speech. When she rose and thanked him he held her hands between his own and bade God bless her.

"He has," she answered.

"On the morning of Hurdcott's execution, 'You are sure you wish me to go now?' she asked.

"He still held her by both hands and felt that they did not tremble. Her great courage filled him with pride in her. He never thought of his own.

One of her hands he lifted to his lips, and she dropped on to her knees and kissed both of his.

"Consuelo!" he cried, his face aflame.

"No other kiss ever passed between them. Their union was not of this earth, but of the spirit that outlives it.

"The warder's key grated in the lock and Hurdcott lifted her from her knees.

"I shall come soon," she said. And he saw on her face a light one would have said a foreshaft of dawn."

Outside the prison she rescues a tiny child from under a huge waggon. "The heavy wheels passed over her before her husband's coffin had gone in at the prison gates. No one who saw her dead could think she had suffered any pain. On her face was still the strange light that Hurdcott had seen upon it. It was not he that had to wait."

H. H.

#### COMING EVENTS.

*December 8th.*—Penal Reform League Annual Meeting, Caxton Hall, S.W. Chairman, Professor Sir John Macdonell, C.B., LL.D. 8 p.m.

*December 8th.*—The Nurses' Social Union. A Special Performance of "Eager Heart" for Nurses will be given in the Hall, Passmore Edwards Settlement, Tavistock Place, W.C., 8.15 p.m. Tickets, 1s. from Miss Egerstorff, 12 Stoneleigh Street, W.

*December 12th.*—St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses' League. Lecture 6: "The Cathedrals of England: Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's." Mr. Allen Walker. Anatomical Theatre, 8 p.m.

*December 14th.*—Nurses' National Total Abstinence League. Meeting (by invitation of Mrs. Lloyd George), 11, Downing Street, S.W., 3.30 to 5.30. All nurses will be welcome.

*December 15th.*—Next Examination of the Central Midwives Board, Examination Hall, London, W.C. Oral Examination a few days later.

*December 15th.*—Nurses' Protection Committee (National Insurance Bill), Meeting, 431, Oxford Street. 4.30 p.m.

*December 19th.*—Irish Nurses' Association, 34, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin. Lecture: "Labour Exchanges," by Miss Brown, B.A.

## 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,—Many thanks for Competition Prize (5s.), which I received safely.

Yours truly,

AMY PHIPPS.

S. George's Infirmary, E.

### COUNTY MATRONS' COUNCILS.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I see in last week's BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING a suggestion is made that Matrons, &c., should form Associations in various parts of a County—an excellent idea, I think—but could not Associations of Trained Nurses also be formed throughout the country—rather on the plan of the Midwives' Associations—with a central office, &c., in London? Could not the State Registration Society undertake to organise these Associations? The initial expense could be defrayed by subscriptions—and once formed each Association would be self-supporting. Could not the Matrons of the County Hospital and the County Superintendents (in counties where there is one) be written to about the matter?

Yours faithfully,

A TRAINED NURSE.

[The National Council of Trained Nurses is slowly organizing the profession. Once the large school Leagues are formed they can encourage local organization, but narrowness must be avoided by National and International affiliation. The State Registration Society is formed for one purpose only, to obtain an Act of Parliament providing for the legal registration of Trained Nurses. Further organization is outside its sphere of work.—ED.]

### COMPULSORY FEVER TRAINING FOR REGISTRATION.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—In a report of a meeting of the Scottish Nurses' Association, held in Glasgow, which appeared in your issue of last week, the Chairman, Sir William Macwen, is reported to have said that "fever nurses had occupied a considerable part of the Report, because the Association had tried to put their training on such a footing that it would be acknowledged as a certain part of the education that the State would insist on all nurses undergoing. There was one party that thought that fever should not be included as one of the points of training necessary for State Registration."

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