

## AT CHRYSTEMASSE TYDE.

Two sorrie Thynges there be—  
 Ay, three;  
 A Neste from which ye Fledglings have been  
 taken,  
 A Lambe forsaken,  
 A redde leaf from ye Wilde Rose rudely shaken.

Of gladde Thynges there be more—  
 Ay, four;  
 A Larke above ye olde Neste blythely singing,  
 A Wilde Rose clinging  
 In safety to a Rock; a Shepherde bringing  
 A Lambe, found, in his arms, and Chrystemasse  
 Bells a-ringing.

ANON.

## A GRIEF WITHOUT CHRIST.

I sought Him in the trees, and Him I found  
 In every colour, and in every sound.

I sought Him in the sky, and He was there,  
 A living God, breathing the living air.

I sought Him in my soul—oh, passionate loss!  
 All that I found was a forsaken Cross.

OLIVIA MAYNELL.

Sheathed is the river as it glideth by,  
 Frost-pearled are all the boughs in forests old,  
 The sheep are huddling close upon the wold,  
 And over them the stars tremble on high.  
 Pure joys these winter nights around me lie:  
 'Tis fine to loiter through the lighted streets  
 At Christmas time, and guess from brow and pace  
 The doom and history of each one we meet,  
 What kind of heart beats in each dusky case;  
 Whiles startled by the beauty of a face  
 In a shop-light a moment. Or instead,  
 To dream of silent fields where calm and deep  
 The sunshine lieth like a golden sleep—  
 Recalling sweetest looks of Summers dead.

ALEXANDER SMITH.

## COMING EVENTS.

## DECEMBER.

December 21st.—Meeting Central Midwives' Board, Caxton House, S.W. 2.45 p.m.

December 25th.—Christmas Day. Hospital Fêtes and Functions.

## JANUARY.

January 10th.—The Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh. Lecture: "Surgical Emergencies from the Nursing point of view." By Mr. George Chiene, F.R.C.S.E. Extra Mural Medical Theatre. 4.30 p.m. Trained Nurses cordially invited.

January 17th.—Meeting Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, 431, Oxford Street, London, W. Tea, 4 p.m.

## 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 awarding me the Prize of 5s. Cheque received.

Yours truly,

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## COMPULSORY FEVER TRAINING FOR REGISTRATION.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—There is a letter under the above heading in your issue of 9th inst. from Miss E. A. Stevenson. She has been misled, quite excusably, by the newspaper report of Sir Wm. Macewen's remarks at the Annual Meeting of the Scottish Nurses' Association. Neither the S.N.A. nor its President holds that fever training should be compulsory for all nurses, but they do hold that fever training in recognised fever training schools should be accepted as part training for a general certificate, especially now that the Local Government Board for Scotland is establishing a high standard curriculum and examination for Scottish fever nurses. It was the latter point which Sir Wm. Macewen was emphasising in his remarks.

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[We are very glad to know that it is not suggested by the Scottish Nurses' Association to make Fever Training compulsory for all nurses before Registration, as it would not be possible to include this special branch in the training of every nurse at present. All registrationists are in favour of giving full credit to Fever Training, and we feel sure that a representative Nursing Council, as provided for in the Nurses' Registration Bill, will after due consideration have to define several combinations of specialities, to be learnt in the three years' course, which through reciprocal training will qualify for examination and registration. Fever training stands first as a special branch of nursing, but it is special work, and cannot be recognised as general training, as we fear the bestowal of a certificate after examination by the Scottish Local Government Board suggests.—ED.]

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