

her mourning like one who is being led publicly by policemen to the police station. In fancy she could hear people saying: 'Look at that girl in deep mourning,' and she could see herself blushing, as it were, apologetic."

When Cannon proposes to her, she is still able to analyse her sensations.

"She was disconcerted if not panic-struck by the violence of his first kiss, but her consternation was delectable to her. It was incomparably the most splendid and dangerous experience she had ever had." In the supreme moment when she learns that she is not his wife she can think "My life is marvellous." She was dizzied by the capacity of her own body and soul for experience.

This book should be read by those who are wearied with the ordinary novel; there is nothing ordinary about it.

It is wonderfully clever, and the personality of the girl will not be denied, but demands the whole of our consideration.

H. H.

COMING EVENTS.

February 15th.—National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland. Meeting—431, Oxford Street, London, W.; Cologne Congress Business, 3.30 p.m.; Tea, 5 p.m.

February 20th.—Nurses' Missionary League. Lecture: "How to Study the Bible," by Miss J. Macfee. University Hall, Gordon Square, W.C., 10.30 a.m. Tea and coffee, 11.30.

February 20th.—Irish Nurses' Association. Lecture "Labour Exchanges." By Miss Brown, B.A. 34, St. Stephen's Green. 7.30 p.m.

February 21st.—The Midwives Institute. Post-Graduate Lecture. 3. "Character of Pulse, Temperature, Variations and General Symptoms Observed in Difficult and Complicated Labours, and in Collapse." 6.30 p.m. Fee, single lectures, 1s. to members; 1s. 6d. non-members.

February 22nd.—Central Midwives Board, Caxton House, S.W. Meeting 2.45 p.m.

February 29th.—Society for State Registration of Nurses. Meeting Executive Committee, 431, Oxford Street. 4.30 p.m.

February 29th.—Association for Promoting the Training and Supply of Midwives. Eighth Annual Meeting. Caxton Hall, S.W. Chairman, H. Cosmo O. Bonsor, Esq., 3.30 p.m.

March 6th.—The Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh. Lecture: "Clinical Symptomatology in Nursing," by Dr. Matthew. Extra Mural Medical Theatre, 4.30 p.m. Trained Nurses cordially invited.

WORD FOR THE WEEK.

Man is no starre, but a quick coal
Of mortal fire:
Who blows it not, nor doth controll
A faint desire
Lets his own ashes choke his soul.

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 thank you for the cheque, value five shillings, also for your kindness in sending me a copy of last week's JOURNAL.

Yours sincerely,

M. B. WILLIAMS.

General Hospital,
Great Yarmouth.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—Many thanks for cheque for 5s. received yesterday—on account of the Prize Competition.

With every good wish,

Yours truly,

Sherwood,
Roehampton Vale.

GLADYS TATHAM.

TRAINED NURSES DON'T COUNT.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—Having read and tried "to digest" the interesting address given by Miss Mollett on the Insurance Bill as affecting the Nursing Profession, given in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING of January 27th, 1912, I cannot help feeling that nurses will make a great mistake if they do not fight tooth and nail against this most unjust Bill, even though it has passed through the House.

What are we to gain by it? Have we not already free medical attendance, through the courtesy of the Doctors? How many Hospitals or Sanatoria require a fee from a trained nurse, should she require treatment? Very few, if any, I venture to say.

There are already societies which for the small annual subscription of from 2s. 6d. to 5s. give sick benefits, compensation for disablement, help towards holidays, and lastly, in case of marriage, some allowance for trousseau, which is going a step beyond State Help, so-called. Therefore, why not resist it *en masse*—the Doctors are on our side and the Bill in its present form does not benefit either General Hospitals or Private Nursing Institutions? Miss Mollett's suggestion for a Nurses' Society, managed by the nurses themselves is absolutely necessary if we must be insured, or we working women will be paying a good share towards the support of the so-called working man, who prefers a life of idleness in our cities.

Yours truly,

"WROTH."

P.S.—Please accept a small P.O. for Nurses' Protection Society.

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