

down upon them; the whole mountain side was crashing down upon them in wild leaps and bounds of mad white fury."

Poor Darzia escapes from prison walls, only to be hurled to an awful death.

By almost super-human effort Verney manages to clear a way into the hut, and there he and Sonnia stay until its owner comes to their rescue a week later.

Verney has, of course, loved Sonnia from the first hour of meeting, and all his natural tenderness and chivalry are strengthened by her grief and helplessness.

He determines that it would be a source of strength to them both if he were to declare his love.

"Tenez!" she said, fiercely, "listen; I love you, Verney, with my whole heart and soul. I could not help it. I cannot help it. I love you. And—and—I am married."

There is a charming picture as frontispiece of Sonnia in her boy's dress.

Mr. Oxenham excels in tales of adventure, and it cannot be complained that his latest work is lacking in excitement.

H. H.

COMING EVENTS.

January 26th.—Central Midwives Board. Penal Cases, Board Room, Caxton House, Westminster, S.W., 2 p.m.

January 26th.—Royal Sanitary Institute. Lecture: "Open Air Schools." Illustrated by lantern slides. By Professor Ralph P. Williams, M.D., B.S., D.Ph. 7.30 p.m.

January 30th.—Central Midwives Board. Penal Cases, Board Room, Caxton House, Westminster, S.W., 2 p.m.

January 31st.—The Trained Nurses' Protection Committee Meeting. To consider resolutions passed at Public Meeting on the 18th inst., re National Insurance Bill. 431, Oxford Street, London, W. 5 p.m.

February 6th.—Irish Nurses' Association, 34, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin. Lecture: "Symptoms and Signs," by Dr. J. M. Day. 7.30 p.m.

February 7th.—The Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh. Lecture: "Some Hints and Observations on the Physiology and Treatment of Skin Diseases." By Dr. Gardiner. Extra-mural Medical Theatre, 4.30 p.m. Trained Nurses cordially invited.

February 7th.—Dickens Centenary. National Council of Nurses, Sairey Gamp At Home. The Doré Gallery, 35, New Bond Street, London, W. Exhibition, Music. Refreshments, 8.30 p.m. Guests to be in character from the Works of Dickens. Tickets, Professional, 3s.; Friends, Non-Professional, 5s. Apply, Miss Cutler, Hon. Sec., St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, E.C.

February 13th and 14th.—Central Poor Law Conference, Holborn Town Hall, W.C. Mr. Charles Booth, F.R.S., will preside.

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.

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.

AN APPROVED SOCIETY FOR TRAINED NURSES.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR EDITOR,—I, with some of my nurses, was at the Morley Hall last Thursday evening, and am writing to say that our unanimous opinion was that a "Friendly Society for Women Nurses" ought to have the whole-hearted support of every member of the profession. Not only the nurses who were with me, but the entire staff, to whom I explained the proposition, at once said of course it is the only right thing to do in the face of this Bill.

Sincerely yours,

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NO EXCUSE FOR VERMINOUS PATIENTS.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

MADAM,—I was surprised to read in your issue of January 13th your criticism of the Birkenhead Fever Hospital and its Matron. I was a nurse there for some time, and can testify to the great care given to the patients and the scrupulous cleanliness observed in all departments. All who have worked in a hospital know that they may be unfortunate enough to have a nurse who becomes slack in her work, as in this case, but it does not point to mismanagement on the part of the Matron, or carelessness by the other nurses. All who have worked for Miss Yeomans highly esteem her for her powers of organisation, discipline and general management, and I am surprised that the editor of a paper of the standing of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING should have expressed herself so strongly before endeavouring to ascertain whether she was justified in doing so. The duties of the doctor and Matron are known and clearly defined, the only doubt exists in the minds of two gentlemen who are not on the hospital committee.

Yours faithfully,

ANNIE SUTHERLAND.

Blantyre Road, Liverpool.

[It is needless to premise our editorial remarks with any refutation of our correspondent's statement that we express opinions without either full information or consideration of facts. Our criticism of the fact that a convalescent child was acknowledged to be in a verminous condition at the Infectious Diseases Hospital, at Birkenhead, will be found in our issue of the 13th inst., page 32, and is summed up in the following expression of opinion: "The cleanliness of the patients is the nurse's duty, and the supervision of the nurse

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