

READ.

"The Life of John Henry, Cardinal Newman." By Wilfred Ward.

"What Diantha Did." By Charlotte Perkins Gilman.

"A Likely Story." By William de Morgan.

"Love Like the Sea." By J. E. Patterson.

"Jim Davis." By John Masefield.

"Garibaldi and the Making of Italy." By G. Macaulay Trevelyan.

"My Life Story." By Emily, Shareefa of Wazan.

COMING EVENTS.

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 to 16th.—Gresham Lectures: "Sleeping Sickness." by F. M. Sandwith, M.D. City of London School, Victoria Embankment, E.C. Free to public, 6 p.m.

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.

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

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

A WORD FOR THE WEEK.

Drink less, breathe more, eat less, chew more, ride less, walk more, clothe less, bathe more, worry less, work more, waste less, give more, write less, read more, talk less, think more, preach less, practise more. To follow this advice is to strike for better health, further popularity, and greater success.—*New York Press.*

Life is made up, not of great sacrifices or duties, but of little things, in which smiles and kindness, and small obligations given habitually, are what win and preserve the heart and secure comfort.—*Sir Humphrey Davy.*

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 COMPETITION PRIZE.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I thank you for the cheque, value 5s., which I received this morning. I also thank you for your courtesy in sending me this week's issue of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

I am,

Yours very truly,

A. MARGARETTA CAMERON.

CONCLUSIVE PROOF.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM—If the report of the Nurses' Protection Committee, in relation to the National Insurance Bill, printed in your last issue, does not rouse nurses to some sense of professional and personal responsibility—nothing will. It is almost incredible that from beginning to end, trained nurses have been denied a hearing by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on a National Health Bill—and that "trained" nursing is not even mentioned in an Act which is to give medical benefits to millions of insured persons. Compare the condition of medicine and midwifery under the Act—with that of nursing. In spite of the discontent of these practitioners—the Act cannot employ quacks in either calling, because they are registered—but there is nothing to prevent Insurance Committees employing Holt-Ockley and other inefficiently qualified nurses. Indeed, as these most ignorant women could not get work at all, unless they undersold skilled nurses—it is probable that, as they are cheap—they will be employed almost entirely under the Act. In speaking with an active public-spirited matron the other day, she exclaimed, impatiently, "Whatever happens, trained nurses are themselves to blame—just so long as bad conditions do not touch themselves—just so long will they stand aside—taking them altogether, trained nurses are devoid of professional conscience; I'm tired of working for them."

Yours truly,

SUPERINTENDENT.

ON THERMOMETERS.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I notice a couple of lines in the report of Dr. Willey's Paper on "Instruction to Nurses in regard to some aspects of venereal diseases" which urge me to write upon a subject which I have had in my mind for some time, namely, thermometers.

[previous page](#)

[next page](#)