

Of course the love of a good man, as he happened not to be the right one, only accentuated this condition, and after a short engagement she reproaches herself after this fashion:—

"No, I don't want Basil back, but I want my wholeness back. I had no right to give him anything, poor soul, and I feel there are little bits of me strewed everywhere." She did not think this was fair on the possible other person. The other person was, of course, Alexander, who lived among the hills and loved them as she did.

Even at the dramatic scenes which mark the close of the book he cannot but tell her of his love.

"Here are my hands," she says to him. She put them shaking into his, then snatched them from him. "No," she said, and knelt beside the water. "Look, I am washing them in water from the hills, because I once lent them to someone else. I only lent them, Alexander. Oh, do you think they're clean?"

"Oh, my heather flower," he said, "my heather flower!"

There are many other persons and incidents the drawing of which deserves high praise. We commend to our readers a careful study of this book.

H. H.

### COMING EVENTS.

*November 12th.*—The Infants' Hospital, Vincent Square, S.W. Lectures on "Babies." "Substitute Feeding," by Dr. Ralph Vincent. 3.30 p.m.

*November 12th.*—White Slave Traffic. Great United Demonstration of Men and Women, London Opera House, Kingsway, 8 p.m.

*November 13th-16th.*—Baby Land and Health Exhibition, in aid of the Leeds Babies' Welcome, and West Riding Nursing Association, Leeds Town Hall.

*November 14th.*—General Meeting, League of St. John's House Nurses, 12, Queen Square, W.C. 3 p.m.

*November 20th.*—Irish Nurses' Association, 34, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin. "The Health of the Child," illustrated by lantern slides, by Dr. McVittie.

*November 20th.*—National Council of Women of Great Britain and Ireland. Extraordinary Meeting "To Consider the Position of Women under the Franchise and Registration Bill now before Parliament." Central Hall, Westminster, 10.30 a.m.

*November 23rd.*—National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland, Annual Meeting of Grand Council. Tea, 4 p.m. Meeting, 4.30 p.m., 431, Oxford Street, London, W.

### WORD FOR THE WEEK.

Then said Christian, "I must venture. To go back is nothing but death; to go forward is fear of death, and Life everlasting beyond it. I will yet go forward."

BUNYAN.

## 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.*

### A HISTORY OF NURSING.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR EDITOR,—I shall be indebted to you if you will give me a little space for bringing to your readers' attention the forthcoming final volumes of "A History of Nursing." Instead of a third volume there are two, third and fourth, bringing the details of nursing advance closely up-to-date.

What I wish to impress on your readers' minds is that these two last volumes have been given to the International Council of Nurses and are to be sold for the benefit of its treasury. All royalties from their sale will go to aid that treasury. Another thing important to remember is that the last two volumes may be bought separately from the first.

The price of the two final volumes is the same as that of the others—five dollars (£1)—and as this is beyond the means of many individuals, I make the following suggestions:—

Let all hospitals and training schools be asked and urged to buy the History for their libraries. All the nurses' clubs, homes and hostels should do the same. Then, training school directors might be persuaded to give their most meritorious pupils copies of it as a prize or reward when they receive their certificates. Medical, as well as general libraries also should possess it. If all these methods of pushing the sale of the third and fourth volumes were followed, especially in English-speaking countries, and if every year those nurses who are able to do so, would buy it, we should in time have a very fair income for our international treasury, which would enable us to maintain a paid secretary and to carry on international work more regularly and effectively than we can do now when all such work is volunteer, unpaid labour.

Another thing I will ask nurses to do is to have copies of the volumes of the History at all large meetings, so that it may be seen and thus advertised. This is an easy thing to do, and is useful.

The History will be procurable from all book-sellers, or the publishers, G. P. Putnam's Sons, London and New York.

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(We are inclined to think that these four volumes of "A History of Nursing" should be classed as text books for study in nursing schools. As prizes they are invaluable.—Ed.)

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