

doubt, shamed those who govern us without consent, into passing it at last. Anyway, it proves that the earnest convictions of women cannot be altogether ignored, and is so far a sign, and an encouragement to further efforts to obtain the vote, so that on our knees we wear away no more stones by importunate claims. What can be more demoralising than such cringing importunities, when our very souls are at stake?

In connection with the Court of Domestic Relations in Chicago there has just been established a Babies' Court, the first one of its kind in the world, says the *Standard*. To this court Mrs. Mary Leavitt has been appointed as clerk, and it will be her duty to try to settle disputes between parents concerning children, and deal with special baby cases. Trained nurses are in attendance at the court, and the waiting-room has been fitted up as a large nursery, with cots, toys, and books—in fact, everything possible has been done to beguile the tedious waiting for the infant public, and keep them on their best behaviour. Mrs. Leavitt, who has been connected with the Court of Domestic Relations for some time past, is dubbed by Chicagoans "the mender of broken hearts," as during the present year she has, by her extraordinary tact and sympathy, satisfactorily settled 2,776 cases of marital unhappiness out of court.

JOY AND DUTY.

"Joy is a duty"—so with golden lore
The Hebrew rabbis taught in days of yore,
And happy human hearts heard in their speech
Almost the highest wisdom man can reach.
But one bright peak still rises far above,
And there the Master stands whose name is Love,
Saying to those whom weary tasks employ:
'Life is divine when Duty is a Joy.'

Van Dyke.

COMING EVENTS.

December 25th.—Christmas Day. Festivities in hospitals, infirmaries, and kindred institutions.

January 6th to 16th.—Post Graduate Course of Lectures on the Feeding and Care of Infants, with special attention to the Milk Problem. Fee, £1 1s. Apply to Hon. Secretary, Dr. Janet E. Lane-Clayton, 18, Craven Terrace, Lancaster Gate, London, W.

A WORD FOR THE WEEK.

Innermost depth of home! Sweet secrecy of dwelling! O secret place to dwell in, where is no dullness, no bitterness of evil thoughts, no throng of temptations, and griefs crying for help! Is it not the secret place into which that well-deserving servant shall enter, to whom his Lord shall say, "Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord!"
—S. Augustine.

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.

THE HAND OF FELLOWSHIP.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—Miss Barclay and I, two New Zealand nurses who attended the Dinner at the Hotel Cecil, on the 14th inst., feel we should like to express our appreciation of your Imperial spirit towards Colonial nurses. You have always extended the hand of fellowship to them, and it is this spirit of Imperialism which must in the long run bring out all that is best for the development of the Nursing Profession, and also help to unite the many daughters of the Mother of our great Empire

Yours truly,
EDITH M. A. MELVILLE.

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Mrs. Ledebor, Driebergen.—Membership of the International Council of Nurses can only be attained in a corporate capacity. In Holland, you should become a member of the Dutch Nurses' Association, which is affiliated to the International Council. Apply to the Hon. Secretary, Dutch Nurses' Association, 13, Van Eeghenstraat, Amsterdam.

Richmondite.—The abbreviation, "S. & M. U.," refers to the words in (f) at the beginning of the paper, i.e., "Save and Measure Urine." The administration of anal stimulation to a new-born infant is carried out in the usual way, but it is not often employed.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS.

DECEMBER.

December 28th.—What symptoms would lead you to suspect apoplexy? Give nursing treatment of apoplexy.

JANUARY.

January 4th.—How would you control Tonsillar Hemorrhage?

NOTICES.

Owing to the Christmas holidays, our issue of December 28th will go to press early in the week. All advertisements for the Advertisement Supplement should reach the office, 431, Oxford Street, W. not later than 10 a.m. on the morning of Monday, December 23rd.

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