

have got a man's headpiece, why the mischief shouldn't I have a man's money? No, it isn't us that earns money worth naming, 'tis the hussies gets men's money, not women like you and me. Men don't want females with brains. 'Tis the hateful, doubtful sort that get big money out of men."

"They be nasty wretches—I mean men in the lump."

The parish nurse in attendance on the wife of the old blind reprobate, Nicky Glubb, is worth an extract—or, rather Nicky's opinion of her.

"Nicky banned human life in general, and more particularly his present torment, the parish nurse."

"Moor stone be soft compared with her. I talk, I cuss, and I stamp, and she goes on her way like the angel of doom. And the Lord only knows what she is doing to you. If I had the money for it I'd get ten doctors to you instead of that Grenville and this parish beast. She be more like a steam-roller than a human woman. She've got no bowels—the hateful wretch."

"She's very clever, and saves me a lot, and soothes me when I dream. The dreams be properly awful, Nick. Big things grow small, and small things grow big."

"Nobody thinks of my belly. Yesterday I chanced to come across some stuff that terror was keeping for you, and she gave me—"

Oh, it is well worth reading, is this delightful study of humanity.

H. H.

COMING EVENTS.

February 27th and March 20th.—Nurses' Social Union. Lectures by Professor Walker Hall, on "The Serum Treatment of Disease," illustrated. Pathological Department, Bristol University. 3.30 p.m.

March 1st.—Eugenics' Education Conference, University of London.

March 3rd.—The Infirmary, East Dulwich Grove, Opening of the New Nurses' Home by Sir Arthur H. Downes, M.D. 3 p.m.

March 5th.—Irish Nurses Association.—Lecture: "The Signs and Symptoms of Tuberculosis," by Dr. William Taylor, 34, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin. 7.30 p.m.

March 6th.—The League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, Lecture: "Some Aspects of Juvenile Labour," by Miss O. I. Dunlop, D.Sc., Clinical Lecture Theatre. 5.30 p.m.

March 13th.—Meeting Central Midwives' Board, Caxton House, S.W. 3.30 p.m.

A WORD FOR THE WEEK.

"Enough if something in our lives have power
To live and act and serve the future hour,
And if, as toward the silent tomb we go,
Through love, through hope, and faith's transcendent dower,
We feel that we are greater than we know."

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 acknowledge with many thanks the cheque for 5s., which I received on Friday, Feb. 21st.

I am so pleased to have won the competition. The questions are so helpful in making one think out methods and rub up one's knowledge, that I quite enjoy writing in my spare time.

Yours truly,

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THE PREMIER'S PROMISE.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I am pleased to see that Mr. Rendall, M.P., evidently framed his question to the Premier in the House of Commons on the Resolution which we passed so unanimously and enthusiastically at the Special Meeting of the Society for the State Registration of Nurses, on January 23rd, as it is part of it word for word. As one of the members who asked that the meeting might be called, I feel specially gratified at the result that the Premier has promised our Bill shall be considered. It is absolutely useless women thinking that without determinedly and very publicly expressing their views and feelings, Parliament will take the trouble to enquire into them. May I now suggest that we registrationists hold a Public Meeting in London on an early date, and send up a resolution to the Premier thanking him for his promise that the Nurses' Registration Bill shall receive consideration, and urging upon him the necessity that it should be passed at the earliest possible date, if decent women are for the future to adopt nursing as their vocation. I say decent, because you will have observed the most scandalous report of a case in the morning papers at the Clerkenwell Police Court, in which a woman called a "Nurse" was prompted to solicit in the streets by a procurer, because "you will get plenty of money in uniform"! Let this case and others be set out in all their infamy, to prove how our once noble profession is degraded in public opinion by the unrestricted exploitation of it by every sort of criminal. The ultimate and greatest sufferers under present conditions are innocent sick people, and it is the Government's duty to protect them, and also the trained nurses who care for them. As no other paper ever attempts to expose the scandalous condition of affairs as they are, or to help to remedy them, I

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