

without the Guild, who can testify to the enrichment of their lives by the influence of one who has not only set before them the highest ideals, but upon whose effective friendship and assistance they can always count in times of adversity and sorrow. Mr. Russell has added one more to the obligations of nurses to him by collecting in one volume under the title of "Lest We Grow Hard," a number of the addresses and spiritual papers, delivered to, or written by him for, the Guild. The book is published by Messrs. Longmans, Green & Co., charmingly bound in cloth. 3s. 6d., or sewed, 2s. 6d. It is one which many will desire to read, and which all trained nurses should hasten to possess.

AN ANGEL'S WING.

In discords or in harmonies,
In waves that weep and birds that sing,
In flowers and brooks, in clouds and trees,
An Angel's Wing!

The mystery of birth doth bring
O'er rolling earth and swaying seas,
Those pinions' bright o'ershadowing—

The humming of the honey bees
Is heralding the coming spring—
There comes a tremor on the breeze—
An Angel's Wing!

EVELINE W. CROPPER.

COMING EVENTS.

March 14th.—Association for Promoting the Training and Supply of Midwives: Ninth Annual Meeting, Central Buildings, Westminster. H.R.H. Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein will preside. 12 (noon).

March 14th.—Public Meeting to protest against the Misuse of Nurses' Uniform: Dr. Chapple, M.P., will preside. A resolution will be proposed by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick calling the attention of the Government to the matter. Medical Society's Rooms, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London, W. 8 p.m.

March 19th.—Hammersmith and Fulham District Nursing Association. The Twenty-third Annual General Meeting, Carnforth Lodge, W. 3.30 p.m. The Mayor of Hammersmith will preside.

March 20th.—Nurses' Social Union. Lecture (2) by Professor Walker Hall on "The Serum Treatment of Disease," illustrated. Pathological Department, Bristol University. 3.30 p.m.

March 26th.—Irish Nurses' Association, 34, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin. Lecture by Dr. Moorhead, "Massage in Diseases of the Nervous System." 7.30 p.m.

A WORD FOR THE WEEK.

Take this brief lesson from the birds' swift flight—
Spirits that soar, fear neither depth nor height.

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.

WHY TRAINED NURSES' UNIFORM?

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—In reply to your letter, I am directed to forward the enclosed illustration of uniform worn by St. John Voluntary Aid Detachments, and to inform you that this uniform was arranged by the Lady Commandant in Chief, who is also the Lady Superintendent in Chief of Nursing Corps and Divisions of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, after consultation and with the concurrence of some of the leading Chief Matrons of the greatest London Hospitals.

Yours faithfully,

P. G. DARVIL-SMITH,
Assistant Secretary Territorial Branch.

The St. John Ambulance Association,
St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, E.C.

[The uniform arranged by the St. John Ambulance Association to be worn by its nursing officers, and optionally by officers and members of its County Companies for Women, none of whom are trained nurses, is in every detail the uniform worn by them. Dress, cap, apron, collars, cuffs, sleeves, bonnet and cloak complete. The only difference is a distinguishing badge. It would be interesting to know who are the Chief Matrons of the greatest London Hospitals who have "concurred" in advising that nurses' uniform should be thus exploited by those who are not trained. In our opinion its adoption by an Association of the standing of St. John Ambulance Association is absolutely unjustifiable, and calculated to mislead the public concerning the status and skill of its Nursing Officers.—ED.]

THE MISUSE OF NURSES' UNIFORM.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I am glad to see that at last the nurses' uniform fraud is going to be publicly exposed. It has now got to a pitch, not only of depreciating the nurse, but endangering the public—but it is difficult to know how to stop it. I regret I cannot attend the meeting, which has all my sympathy.

Yours truly,

Leicester.

FLORENCE C. BROWN.

DEAR MADAM,—I hope, when the various methods of misuse of nurses' uniform are discussed on the 14th, that attention will be drawn to the unprofessional conduct of those Harley Street and Wimpole Street specialists, who dress up their

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