

the child. Have we not all heard of thy skill in sickness, of the magic healing of thy hand? For these three days hath the baba been ailing through trouble of the gums, and the spells and charms and remedies of my mother-in-law the Ma-ji avail not, though she be deeply learned in such matters.' The poor little babe eventually paid the toll of ignorance and superstition.

The life of the Fleetwoods at Ealing after their retirement is in strong contrast to their old extravagant, luxurious habits and we cannot wonder that Captain Somerton and India claimed Fay's allegiance in the end.

H. H.

### COMING EVENTS.

*April 18th.*—Guy's Hospital Past and Present Nurses' League. Annual Exhibition of the Nurses' Photographic Society and Needlework Exhibition. Tea 4 p.m.; dinner 7 p.m.; tea and coffee 7.30 p.m.; and Annual Meeting 8 p.m. Nurses' Home, Guy's Hospital, London, S.E.

*April 22nd to 25th.*—Annual Exhibition and Nursing and Midwifery Conference, Royal Horticultural Hall, Westminster, London. 12 noon to 10 p.m.

*April 24th.*—Association of Inspectors of Midwives: Annual Meeting. Royal Horticultural Hall, Westminster, S.W.

*April 26th.*—Belgrave Hospital for Children. Princess Royal will re-open the Babies' Ward.

*April 26th.*—The Cleveland Street Branch of the Central London Sick Asylum Nurses' League. "At-home," 4 p.m.

*April 28th.*—The Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses: The Prime Minister will receive a Deputation, the House of Commons, 4 p.m. The Deputation will be entertained to Tea by the Right Hon. R. C. Munro-Ferguson, M.P., who is in charge of the Nurses' Registration Bill.

*April 30th.*—Irish Nurses' Association: Lecture on "Gynæcological Nursing," by Dr. Gibson, 34, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin. 7.30 p.m. Unavoidably postponed from April 23rd.

*April 30th and May 1st.*—Nurses' Missionary League. Missionary Exhibition, Holborn Hall. 9.30 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.

### A WORD FOR THE WEEK.

The best part of health is fine disposition. It is more essential than talent, even in the works of talent. Nothing will supply the want of sunshine to peaches, and, to make knowledge valuable, you must have the cheerfulness of wisdom.—*Ralph Waldo Emerson.*

### DE FINLEY'S PRAYER.

God give me guidance in my ways  
To do the things I should.  
God give me length and strength of days  
To do the things I would.

### 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.*

### GREETINGS FROM THE GERMAN NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR EDITOR,—It is my privilege to send you the heartiest congratulations of the German Nurses' Association upon the Silver Jubilee of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, and for the untiring work you have done for the profession at large in conducting your splendid paper through twenty years for the best of nursing. Since I met you first here in Berlin at the International Council of Women, 1904, when our Association was happily affiliated to the International Council of Nurses, I have followed with eager interest not only the affairs of nursing in your country, but in the whole world through the pages of your Journal, which has no equal in any country. I have very often been upheld in my own hard battle by the unflinching courage and strength with which you always put your finger on the sore spots of our marvellously mismanaged profession. In no grove of life has the struggle between man and woman been harder than in nursing. This finest and best and most womanly profession finds itself fulfilled almost only by women, and mostly women of the best type, in the worst way handicapped through the will of men, in whose power is the whole ruling of it. Never will nursing be quite what it could and should be for the benefit of our people, till women get the vote and are able to arrange their own training and life, and their work for suffering mankind.

There cannot be anything we more fervently wish for you, the true and stalwart champion of the cause, than that you may soon see the coming of State Registration in your own country. It seems almost impossible that in Great Britain, the country of Florence Nightingale, it has taken more than a quarter-of-a-century to gain at least this first beginning of a right and sound standard for our profession. But if you get it at last, I hope it may at least be the right thing, that needs not a new battle to amend it to be of real use, as we have to do with our Registration system in Germany, which with only one year of training is a rather poor thing. Put all your forces to the wheel and soon it must spin round and give you the sorely needed help!

We can't give you for your Silver Jubilee a better present than sending the first £7 for the Florence Nightingale Memorial, collected by our members. This small sum may be a nucleus for getting you something like our College-courses for Nurses in Leipzig. We begin now the second term with twelve lectures on the History of Nursing, which

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