

comrades singing 'O Lamb of God, I come,' had his doubts. 'If we really come to Him, *why there wouldn't be any battle to-morrow*, seeing He said, 'Love your enemy,' which, if everyone did, why there'd be no enemy.' He leaned on his musket, and sighed."

It is almost an impertinence to order such works as "The Long Roll" and "Cease Firing" from the library. They should be bought, studied, not merely read—and cherished.

H. H.

READ

- "Cease Firing," by Mary Johnston.
 "A Knight of Spain," by Marjorie Bowen.
 "Where Are You Going To . . . ?" by Elizabeth Robins.
 "Margaret Ethel Macdonald," a Memoir, by J. Ramsay Macdonald.

COMING EVENTS.

January 22nd and 29th.—Trained Women Nurses Friendly Society, Meeting of Committee of Management, 431, Oxford Street, London, W. 5 p.m.

January 23rd.—Nurses' Missionary League. Miss Richardson "At-home," 52, Lower Sloane Street, S.W.

January 23rd.—Society for the State Registration of Nurses, Meeting to consider a Resolution to Protest against the action of the Matron of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, in denying freedom of conscience and speech to the Nursing Staff at that hospital, on legislation affecting their profession. Life members, and those who have paid their subscriptions, are eligible to attend. 431, Oxford Street, London. 4.30 p.m.

January 31st.—Meeting Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland. Business Meeting 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Address by Dr. Helen Boyle on Mental Nursing at 5.15 p.m. 431, Oxford Street, London, W.

February 5th and 20th, and March 6th.—The League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses Course of Lectures. "Eugenics, what is it?" by Bishop Harman, Esq., F.R.C.S., Medical and Surgical Theatre, "The Industrial Position of women," by Miss Constance Smith. "Some Aspects of Juvenile Labour," by Miss O. I. Dunlop, D.Sc., Clinical Theatre, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C. Tickets from the Hon. Secretary. 5.30 p.m.

February 10th.—Central Midwives Board Examinations. London, Birmingham, Bristol, Leeds, Manchester, and Newcastle-on-Tyne.

A WORD FOR THE WEEK.

An Aspiration is a joy for ever, a possession as solid as a landed estate, a fortune which we can never exhaust, and which gives us year by year a revenue of pleasurable activity. To have many of these is to be spiritually rich.

—R. L. Stevenson.

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 PUBLIC PROTEST.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I have read of the action of Miss McIntosh, Matron of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, denying to the women workers under her control the elementary rights of liberty to consider their own educational and economic conditions, and with no surprise whatever. Ever since her unjustifiable appointment I have been waiting for some such evidence of reaction at that unfortunate hospital. The fact is quite evident, women working there who have their livelihoods to earn cannot afford to fight this battle for freedom of conscience and speech from within. It remains therefore for us certificated nurses who enjoyed these privileges in the past, to take action and make a public protest. I feel sure THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING will sympathise with this suggestion and help those of us who are independent of official tyranny to place our case before the public, as our interests and those of the public are identical.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours very truly,

CLARA LEE

(Cert. St. Bartholomew's Hospital).

Thistledown, Letchworth.

[A meeting of Members of the Society for State Registration of Nurses will consider a Resolution on January 23rd, claiming the right of nurses trained and in training to consider any Bill introduced into Parliament which affects their work, education, economics, and status.—ED.]

THE MUZZLING ORDER AT BART'S.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

MADAM,—Will you allow me to add my emphatic protest at the muzzling order which has been meted out to the members of my old training school of St. Bartholomew's Hospital? Till 1910 under a wise and inspiring rule, freedom of speech and of conscience obtained, nursing ethics were inculcated, and the recognition of the responsibilities resting on members of the nursing community—profession, alas! it is not yet—were insisted on as an integral part of a nurse's training. All that made for growth and for a larger field of vision was encouraged, and on the assumption that she who knows most does most, the paramount importance of weighing all that pertained to their own welfare, to the welfare of their patients, and of the public whom they serve was emphasised. Now, after only two years of the

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