

experiment, should be wrecked and utterly destroyed by the villagers.

Honor, in spite of Andrea's insidious suggestions of Anthony's indifference to her, makes her way at once to Italy, and finds Anthony desolate in the midst of his ruined hopes.

"Oh my dear, what have they done to you?"

He hung his head and touched her fingers with quivering lips.

"Its all gone Honor—my life's work—the thing I had to do. I don't think even the fragments of my mind can be pieced together."

She was weeping frankly unashamed.

"If I have lost all to get you it is no weeping matter, Honor."

"So these two left the past to explain itself, and from the fragmentary present began to construct a future out of unity of purpose and twofold personality."

H. H.

COMING EVENTS.

January 21st.—National Industrial and Professional Women's Suffrage Society. Mrs. St. Clair Stobart will speak on "The Women's Convoy Corps Hospital organized by her at Kirk-Kilisse in the Balkan War." Caxton Hall. 8 p.m.

January 23rd.—Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses. Meeting Executive Committee, 431, Oxford Street, London, W., 4 p.m.

January 23rd.—Catholic Nurses' Association (Irish Branch): Lecture on the "Nursing of Abdominal Cases," by Dr. Kennedy, F.R.C.S.I., Lourdes House, Mountjoy Square, Dublin. 8 p.m.

January 27th.—Central Midwives Board. Penal Cases. 2 p.m.

January 27th.—League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses. : Lectures on Florentine Painting. Lecture I. "Conditions in Italy in the thirteenth century and in Greece in the Classic Age compared. Painting in Rome, Siena, and Florence," by Mr. Beckwith A. Spencer, M.A., F.S.A. Medical and Surgical Theatre. 8.15 p.m.

January 29th.—The Nurses' Choral and Social League. A Social Evening. Dancing. 5, Addison Road, Kensington, W. 8 to 12 o'clock.

January 30th.—Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland. Annual Meeting. 431, Oxford Street, London, W.

February 4th.—Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh. Lecture: "Surgical Tuberculosis," by Mr. C. W. Cathcart, F.R.C.S. Large Theatre on Surgical side, 4.30 p.m. Trained nurses cordially invited.

WORD FOR THE WEEK.

Great truths are portions of the soul of man.
Great souls are portions of eternity.

—Lowell.

"You have to live with yourself, and no one's good opinion is more important to happiness than your own."—*Cicely Hamilton.*

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 CONSTITUTION OF THE NATIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—May I ask you to be good enough to correct a statement which appeared in your issue of December 27th, that the National Union of Trained Nurses "is composed of trained and semi-trained nurses and members of the public"?

The name was changed from Nurses' Social Union to its present one because of the constant misconception of the scope of the word "Social." Our object is now, as always, "To promote, by co-operation, the effectiveness of the profession, and through it the good of the community." Recognising that nursing is itself one of the most important branches of social work, we have always desired to co-operate with other branches of it, believing that only in so doing can the highest efficiency in our own work for the community be obtained, but we are primarily a professional union, and we wish it to be clearly understood that we have *no lay members*. We have lay associates, and some lay Vice-Presidents, but these have no vote and no control whatever, as was stated in a notice sent to all the Nursing Press a short time ago, together with the fact that the control of the Union is in the hands of the fully-trained nurse, who alone is eligible for full membership.

Yours faithfully,

E. M. PVE,

Organising and General Secretary.

DEAR MADAM,—As a member of the Matrons' Council, State Registration Society, and the National Union of Trained Nurses (N.S.U.), may I be allowed to point out that this latter Society is governed by *trained* nurses; midwives and others are admitted as *associate* members, but only trained nurses are eligible for full membership. It seems to me that *now* is the moment for trained nurses to come forward and join this Union, and each member do all she can to support an organisation which is trying to arouse a sense of professional responsibility, and may we not look to THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING to help such a society?

I write this letter to you because of the editorial remark concerning the N.U.T.N. in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING of December 27th, 1913, which, I fear, may give a wrong impression of this Union.

Yours faithfully,

A MEMBER OF THE N.U.T.N.

Chester.

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