

She thought there was in the name "Drumina-wona" a spaciousness which leaves the imagination room to saunter round. There's nothing in Europe to touch it.

"When Bobby Sebright comes along——," said Mrs. Dann.

"Will he have time?" said Mr. Mervyn. "You told me he had to write about Irish politics."

"Bobby Sebright will make time if I tell him to," said Mrs. Dann.

"If he can't do that itself," said Father Roche, "he can borrow it. There's plenty here. I don't know but Mr. Mervyn and myself could make up a week for him between us, and not miss it when it was gone."

Having once chosen her amphitheatre, the next question was how to attract and convey them to the spot. "The jaunting car," said Mrs. Dann, "is your national vehicle, and I guess it's got to be there in considerable numbers."

"I am not sure," said Father Roche; "would there be that number of horses about the place?"

"What I'm figuring on," said Mrs. Dann, "is donkeys."

Mr. Mervyn, the dreamy old Wordsworthian scholar, and Father Roche are both delightfully drawn.

Father Roche is of opinion that "girls is the terror of the world" (referring to Onny Donovan, the servant of Mr. Mervyn). "If you did right, you'd take a stick to her. A stick is the only way I know of putting the fear of God into those ones."

The Bishop came over unexpectedly on purpose to put a stop to the miracle play.

"Bobby, ring the bell, the Bishop will dine."

"Madam," said the Bishop, "I thank you for your hospitality, but I have come to talk to Father Roche."

"You leave me to manage the Bishop," said Mrs. Dann. "I reckon he wants his dinner same as any other man. Sanctity is a first-rate thing, and I appreciate it when present in unusual quantities, but bishops just have to eat if they don't want to die."

To copy Mrs. Dann, this book is "just screaming." But we regret some quite unnecessary irreverences.

H. H.

WORD FOR THE WEEK.

Whatever you are, be that;
 Whatever you speak, be true;
 Be honest; in fact, be
 Nobody else but you.

"One must see visions and dream dreams before great facts come into existence."

"The woman who would be a success as a nurse needs the combined qualities of a trained mind, capable hands and body, and all must be dominated by the soul."

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.

EXPRESS TRAINING.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—Will you allow me to express my sympathy with "K. S.," although I have not the honour of being a member of the nursing profession. I am a so-called nursing officer of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, and I am glad to know that "K. S.'s" experiences are not shared by the nurses at all hospitals at which members of the Red Cross Voluntary Aid Detachments, and St. John Ambulance Brigade, are allowed to work, as at the one at which I spent several weeks I was in every way treated as a probationer with regard to the work, and at two other hospitals women I know were taken on exactly the same terms.

I think that this is as it should be, as the services of even a raw probationer must be of some value to an under-staffed hospital, and I feel sure that few nurses will resent women gaining a little experience of hospital life if the latter are willing to do a fair share of the drudgery. Such a system may, and probably does, sometimes lead to the three years' training being taken, although of course only the strongest of the strong can endure for any length of time the strenuous life of a probationer.

Yours truly,

E. T.

WHY SHOULD IRISH NURSES WAIT?

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I quite sympathise with the Scottish nurses who have written to our JOURNAL wanting to know why they should be kept waiting for State Registration, when nearly everyone connected with nursing in Scotland is in favour of it, because a few London Hospital managers, and the matrons trained by them about the country, are opposed to organisation and legal status for nurses. I was present at our annual meeting and interested to hear Miss Haughton's remark that if the Irish had Home Rule the nurses might have State Registration in Ireland next year. Indeed, why should Irish nurses wait? They are all in favour of it, and the Nationalist party redeemed their promise to us most loyally on March 3rd, whereas the Unionists, with four exceptions, failed to be there "when the bell rang" according to the lists, for and against, published in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING. We Irish nurses have been working and paying for this reform for years, and if we are going to be held up by "perfidious Albion" much longer we had better begin working for Home Rule in our profession.

Yours truly,

PADDY.

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