

symptoms and dangers of syphilis and gonorrhoea.

We venture to suggest that it would add to the usefulness of the book if a future edition were printed in larger type. It is published by "The Poor Law Publications Co.," 27 to 29, Farnival Street, E.C.

### HOSPITAL HANDBOOK IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH.

We have pleasure in drawing attention to an admirable Handbook in English and French by H. Meugens, published by Messrs. Simpkin, Marshall, Hamilton, Kent & Co., Ltd., 4, Stationers Hall Court, E.C., containing a list of drugs and dressings, medical terms, nursing necessaries, parts of the body, weights and measures, and useful phrases and words in English and French. The book is obtainable in Boulogne from Merridew, 60, Rue Victor Hugo, and in Paris from Galignani, 224, Rue de Rivoli, and Brentano, 37, Avenue de l'Opera. Every English nurse working in France, and those whose duties in England bring them in contact with French speaking Belgians, should secure a copy of this most useful book, the price of which is one shilling.

### "THE CHAP."

I once knew a dirty little boy—nothing strange in that—he was also rude and slack.

The farmer's wife called him "the chap," and clouted him about the head when he defied her with "imperence," and refused to carry out the pigswill before he had finished his tea.

A day or two ago I met him in all the glory of khaki swinging down Piccadilly.

I held out my hand; he gripped it. Were we not from the same village within a solitary vale?

"And how do you like soldiering?" I asked this wondrous chap.

He beamed down on me.

"Fine," he rapped out; and then he softly added: "I've fun mesen."

After we had exchanged confidences, I was inclined to surmise he had found a very gallant gentleman.

E. G. F.

### COMING EVENTS.

March 18th.—Maternity and Infant Welfare. One Day Conference convened by the National Union of Women Workers, Central Buildings, Westminster. Mrs. Creighton presiding. 11 a.m.

March 22nd.—Meeting at the Mansion House in support of the Serbian Relief Fund. Speakers, the Bishop of London, the Right Hon. Herbert Samuel, M.P., and others. 3 p.m.

March 23rd.—Quiet Day for Nurses. St. James's Church, Piccadilly. Holy Communion 6 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. Morning Session. 10 a.m.; Afternoon Session, 2.15 p.m.

### OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS.

March 27th.—What are Colds?

April 3rd.—Why is the Care of the Teeth important?

### 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 CROIX ROUGE FRANCAISE.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—It is most kind of you to bring before the readers of your valuable paper the work of the "Croix Rouge Francaise." Please accept the warmest thanks of the President and Committee.

Yours faithfully,

VICOMTESSE L. DE LA PANOUSE.

President.

25, Knightsbridge, S.W.

#### THE DEBT IS OURS.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I am very much obliged to you for the honour you have done me by putting my photograph in your useful British journal. I should be very happy to take a yearly subscription, if you will let me know the amount.

Yours sincerely,

CONSTANCE GARIBALDI.

Rome.

#### WHEN THE WAR IS OVER.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR EDITOR,—I enclose my subscription for State Registration.

More and more one sees the need of Registration, and it is earnestly to be hoped when the war is over the matter will be settled. When we know the hardships nurses endure in times of stress and how much those who enter the profession in the right spirit give up in order to fit themselves for every emergency, it is difficult to understand why they are denied the recognition which is justly theirs.

So many failures are abroad in the nursing world, half-trained women bringing discredit on an honourable calling. So many go out to the colonies, and as there is no English Register, it is impossible to know if the information given is correct, as the oft-told tale of certificates left behind is misleading in many ways, and often not correct. With kind regards,

Yours faithfully,

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#### REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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