

whole volume teems with vivacity from cover to cover. Mr. Locke writes with all the charm of an Englishman who knows and loves his France very thoroughly.

H. H.

THE PATRIOT'S BIRTHDAY BOOK.

A charming little book—"The Patriot's Birthday Book," compiled by C. E. Thomas—has been published by Messrs. Thomas Murby & Co., 6, Bouverie Street, E.C. It contains selections from recent speeches and writings, mainly by rulers, naval and military leaders, statesmen, sailors and soldiers of the Allies, including many from the oversea dominions. It is bound in a dainty blue and white cover and a white medallion, set in the blue, bears the British flag. The front page is decorated by six floral emblems in conventional designs based on the national forms of the floral attributes of the British Empire. The rose, thistle and shamrock of the United Kingdom, the maple leaf of Canada, the wattle of Australia, the fern of New Zealand, the protea of South Africa, and the lotus of India. The book would be much appreciated by soldiers as a Christmas gift, and at the price of 1s. is within reach of all.

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 WARNING.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—May I support the sentiments of "Jean Macintyre," in her letter published on December 9th, and point out just one more important aspect of this "College" controversy. For daring to be consistent on the State Registration question and placing the truth before the profession, you are submitted week after week to vilification, misrepresentation and anonymous insults in Sir Henry Burdett's and other Prussianizing publications. These publications are run by hospital governors for profit, and are supporters of the College; let nurses pause and realize how they will be treated in the press if they do not come to heel, and dare to express an opinion at variance with that of their masters. Let them remember that by signing the agreement with the College they agree to the Council turning them out, and off the Register, without *any power of appeal*, and if they have an ounce of good British blood in their veins, let them resist intimidation, and may be professional ruin, before it is too late.

Thanking you for your splendid leadership in this crisis.

I am, Yours truly,

HENRIETTA J. HAWKINS.

AN APPLE OF DISCORD IN IRELAND.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—We "registrationists" in Dublin read your notes on the College of Nursing last week with gratitude and appreciation. The College of Nursing, Limited, has, by its policy of ignoring the corporate professional rights of the Nurses' Associations, whilst purporting to adopt their principles, aroused the sense of self-preservation amongst us. All the nonsense advanced by the promoters of the Nursing College that it is analogous to a Medical College is pure flummery. The College Company is entirely composed of *laymen*; the Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons are jealously and rightly entirely composed of *medical practitioners*, and it would be interesting to see what would be the action of these professional corporations if a company of laymen drafted a Bill to govern the medical faculty. Yet trained nurses are seriously told that such a Nursing College is for their good!

Here in Ireland we nurses are not opposed to a College of Nursing, let there be such a faculty of England, of Scotland and of Ireland, as there are Royal Colleges of Medicine and Surgery in the three component parts of the United Kingdom, but these faculties do not govern the medical profession, that is the prerogative of the General Medical Council. We want the same principle enforced in the government of the Nursing Profession as is provided in the Bill drafted by the Central Committee, and we hope the Medical Profession in Ireland will realise this principle and do nothing to force a system of professional legislation upon us to which they would not themselves conform.

Yours truly,

MEMBER IRISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

[This plea is very clearly put, and is irrefutable.—ED.]

OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS.

December 30th.—What diseases may be conveyed by carriers, and how do they carry typhoid?

January 6th.—What is a parasite? What external parasites attack man? Describe in detail the treatment and management of a case of scabies with special reference to the prevention of the spread of the disease.

January 13th.—What are the different forms of meningitis in children? What do you know of them and of the nursing care needed?

NOTICE.

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