

which we should like to speak, notably Tubby, Diana's old nurse, and her faithful lover, Torringe.

It is a book which one lays down with a sigh of regret that it should end so soon.

H. H.

COMING EVENTS.

October 3rd, 4th and 5th.—Annual Meeting of the National Council of Women of Great Britain and Ireland, Y.M.C.A. Hall, Tottenham Court Road, London, W.C. 10.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.

October 12th.—Lecture in support of the Nurse Cavell Homes of Rest. Æolian Hall, New Bond Street, London, W., by Maître Gaston de Leval.

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.

OFFICERS' RANK FOR MILITARY NURSES.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I do not know how "A Pukka Red Cape" can speak in the name of the majority of Nursing Sisters at home, in supporting the demand of officer's rank for Military Nurses. Many of us have never considered the question at all; and in this important Military hospital our Matron discourages discussions on any such questions; and military discipline being what it is, we think it wiser to say nothing. I am not opposing such promotion, but do not know enough about the question to express an opinion. I wish one of the Canadian Sisters who have rank would explain it to us through the *B.J.N.*, as I know many of them read it, and it would be a kindness.

Yours truly,

AN IMPERIAL SISTER.

[May we hope one of the Canadian Sisters will comply with this request.—ED.]

HOW TO MAKE USE OF A PROFESSIONAL JOURNAL.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—Miss Emma Horton's letter should be a lesson to some of us who certainly do not show an "intelligent interest" in our own Journal. For instance, this is the very first letter I have addressed to it, although I always read the letters of others with very great interest, and, in fact, the whole journal weekly from cover to cover. I am a district nurse, and am always so pleased to note how appreciative you are of our work and how you always advocate high standards of nursing for the poor. We are all looking forward to great improvements in everything after the war, and hope when we are less driven, we shall have energy to do something for our profession—

and for our journal. I have been a member of the Society for State Registration of Nurses for many years and hope the Central Committee will stand firm for our Bill, for which many of them have worked so hard. I and many others think it a very poor policy of the College to attempt to gain all the credit for registration, when many of them have opposed our work for it for years in the most unreasonable manner. This makes simple people like me very chary of having confidence in the College Council. You see I read "our journal," although I regret I have not done more to support it.

Yours sincerely,

A DISTRICT NURSE.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I am much obliged to Miss Emma Horton for her appreciation of my article, "Ether Day," which appeared in the columns of this journal on August 11th. She will, however, pardon me for saying that if she had read it more carefully she would not have discredited me with saying precisely what I did *not* say! If she will read it again, she will see that I said Sir James Simpson did *not* discover chloroform, as that had already been discovered by the great German chemist, Liebig (not, as she says, a chemist from Linlithgow), but that he discovered its use as anæsthetic. So she will see I have not given credit to the wrong man after all! I should like to add that I think her way of helping the brave Miss Heddermann is most kindly practical. I shall follow her good example.

Yours truly,

BEATRICE KENT.

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Sister T.F.N.S.—We regret that by a printer's error the name of the town was wrongly spelt. The address is M. Ligon, Grand Hotel, Chambéry Savoie, France. Here the Sisters of the F.F.N.C. have been received, many as guests; but recently, owing to the effects of the war, for a very moderate charge. M. Ligon has been kindness itself, and the Sisters have received the greatest refreshment from the delightful air and surroundings. You could not do better than spend your holiday at Chambéry.

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QUESTIONS.

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September 29th.—Mention maladies in the newly-born, and the usual treatment and nursing.

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