

hot and wearied from staring into the fire. He closed them for a moment and then turned quietly to go."

And then his exciting adventures began.

The old Duc de Kernogan awoke to the enormity of his folly, and treachery to his daughter when, instead of finding himself safe in Holland, he discovered that he had been tricked by Roget, and landed in France, where at that period the blood of the aristos had little chance of long running in their veins.

Yvonne proudly prefers death to the alternative of life spent with Roget.

She is rescued by the Scarlet Pimpernel from a terrible position only just in time, but not in time to save M. le Duc, who died in a terrible brawl in the Rat Mort.

After seemingly impossible escapes from the ugly temper of French revolutionists, Yvonne, thanks to the devoted service of the Scarlet Pimpernel, finds herself once again safe in Lord Tony's arms.

H. H.

COMING EVENTS.

October 18th.—"Our Day" Annual collection at home on behalf of the British Red Cross and the Order of St. John.

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 DIFFICULT QUESTION.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—Will you kindly tell me the professional standing nurses would have in England if they trained in an unregistered school in this country, giving a two years' course, principally surgical work (they are hoping to open a maternity hospital before long), as I may desire to return to England. Any information you could give me on this subject I would be most grateful for.

Our study books are on "Practical Nursing," by Anna Caroline Maxwell, and Amy Elizabeth Pope, of San Francisco, California; also "Text Book of Anatomy and Physiology," by Diana Clifford Kimber, of Chicago, Illinois; besides various other books. I have not been in training here a month yet, and you will understand that I am very anxious to know whether my training will hold good for nursing in England, otherwise it will be useless for me to continue with it here, as I find I like nursing so much, and may desire to return home (London) after my training—two years' course, or if needs be before, whatever you advise. *Is there any such course given in England? And what is the rate of salary paid such nurses? Also of the Graduate Registered Nurse? Also I have often wondered up to what age can a woman*

enter hospital for training (I am 35)? I wrote to Washington, U.S.A., for a little information, of which they were not sure, and advised me to write THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, London, England. Is there, and will there be great demand for nurses in England, and just how do they stand? Sorry I cannot enclose stamp on envelope.

Thanking you greatly, and in anticipation. I know you will help and oblige me.

(Signed) KATHLEEN KELLETT.

U.S.A.

[As there is no definition of a "trained nurse" in England it is difficult to say how far a nurse with a two years' certificate from the hospital in question could find employment in England after the war. At present trained, semi-trained, and untrained women are working on a chaotic basis both in England and abroad. Untrained ladies of title are acting as Matrons, and trained nurses with three years' certificates are acting as "runners" in military hospitals, under their direction, and as "pros." to V.A.D. Sisters at the front. A motley crew! We advise our correspondent to remain where she is, as 35 is above the age at which probationers are received for training in good nursing schools in England.—Ed.]

SOCIAL PATRONAGE OBJECTED TO.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—Unfortunately it is quite apparent that the British Women's Hospital Committee organized with such laudable intentions by the Actresses' Franchise League, is dominated by social influence, and I fear these ladies will not be able to resist adding our profession to its "objects of charity." But we trained nurses have a right to know the scope of their scheme. Is the appeal to be made public, or are doles to be privately requisitioned upon our behalf, so as to prevent controversy in the press. Now that the College of Nursing, Ltd., is apparently not to be allowed to have a monopoly of control over nurses, body and soul, and as the Company can no longer permit the press to affix the prefix "Royal," to its title, and thus mislead the unwary as to its real status, it may be that the British Women's Committee will think twice before they attempt to finance a scheme of which the Privy Council evidently does not approve any more than all self-supporting nurses do. I for one am determined not to be patronised by Miss Asquith or any of her colleagues.

Yours truly,

London.

MARION C. SUMMERS.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS.

QUESTIONS.

October 13th.—How would you sterilize rolled gauze, gauze sponges, rubber gloves, and glass catheters?

October 20th.—(a) What is meant by prolapse of the cord? (b) What are the changes of such a position? (c) How would you treat such a case until the doctor arrives?

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