

Our readers may be interested to hear that at the finish Dr. Abercrombie no longer hated Miss Thompson.

H. H.

SING GOOD-BYE.

In some low space of green
Where fleecy mists, bright runnels newly
rain'd
And springing wands are seen,
But nothing yet to gnarled old attain'd.
Let his head nigh
The chrisom violet lie;
And put at hand the sling to him most dear,
The sheaf of arrows light, the dauntless spear,
The lute untroubled on the heart unstain'd;
Then, taking hands around him, sing good-bye!
From Poems by Herbert Trench.

WORD FOR THE WEEK.

"When thou dost purpose aught within thy
power,
Be sure thou do it, though it be but small;
Constancy knits the bones and makes us stout."
—Matthew Arnold's "Notebook."

COMING EVENTS.

May 27th.—National Baby Week Council.
Lecture: "Provision for Maternity," J. H. Fair-
bairn, Esq., F.R.C.S. Chair, R. Murray Leslie,
Esq., M.D. 14, Gordon Square, W.C., 5.30 p.m.

May 29th.—Asylum Workers' Association.
Annual Meeting, Mansion House. 3 p.m.

May 29th-31st.—Conference. "Ideals in the
Teaching of Midwifery." Midwives Institute, 12,
Buckingham Street, Strand. Reception, May
29th. 4 p.m.

June 4th.—Central Council for District Nursing
in London. Conference on Maternity Nursing,
Board Room, Metropolitan Asylums Board,
Embankment, E.C. Sir William J. Collins, M.P.,
M.D., K.C.V.O., in the chair. 5 p.m.

June 6th.—College of Nursing, Ltd. Third
ordinary meeting. 1, Wimpole Street, London,
W. 3 p.m.

June 13th.—Royal British Nurses' Association.
Annual meeting. Chair, Her Royal Highness
Princess Christian, Rooms, Medical Society of
London, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square,
W. 3 p.m.

NURSING IN FRANCE.

Owing to stress of work in France, Sisters have been requisitioned for the French Flag Nursing Corps. Candidates must be of pure British descent, hold a certificate from a general hospital or infirmary, age 26 to 40, have good health, and speak some French.

Candidates can be seen by appointment by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, at 431, Oxford Street, London, W.

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 GLORY OF OUR BART.'S CERTIFICATE.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—Greatly interested as I was in reading a letter last week signed "A Certificated Bart.'s Nurse," I fear she much over-estimates the value of the Bart.'s certificate in these days. Since the depreciation of that certificate eight years ago, by the hospital Governors, it practically stands for very little, as a professional asset in the professional market. Over and over again Bart.'s women apply for good posts and are not even selected. I think that is a question that the Governors might well take to heart for the benefit of the school and those trained in it. Anyway, it is a relief to know that things are not to be made worse by compelling the trained staff to join the Nursing College Company, governed by a most dangerous and unprofessional Constitution.

Yours,

"ICHABOD."

[A copy of the Constitution of the College should be issued with every Application Form so that nurses who are influenced to join should at least know what regulations they consent to obey in signing the Form. This is not done, neither can the majority of ardent advocates explain them.—ED.]

A FEW QUESTIONS FOR THE COLLEGE OF NURSING CONFERENCE.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM—It is announced that the College of Nursing will hold a Nursing Conference. Let us hope a few searching questions will be placed on the agenda:—

(1). Why four of the five Hon. Officers are men?
(2). Why only the nurse members have to pay a fee?

(3). What do professional actresses know about nursing organization that they are permitted to interfere with it?

(4). Why are we debarred from diplomas?
(5). How many of the Matrons on the Council are supporting the Serf Clause for Army nurses, as members of the Nursing Boards of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, and the Territorial Force Nursing Service?

(6). Why none of the nominated Council retired without offering themselves for election, so as to give the Sisters and nurses a chance of seats on the College Council?

These are a few questions which require thrashing out. Let us hope they will be asked and replies forthcoming, but I doubt it.

Yours truly

AN OUTSIDER.

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