

She was tempestuous, uncontrolled, a woman who would make scenes. She was pledged to another man and loathed her infidelity.

No softness, no laughter, no ease, was to be expected from the tragic love of Julie de Lespinasse."

With the death of M. de Mora, who had never suspected her defection, and who had died with her name on his lips, and with the marriage of de Guibert, Julie's stormy heart touched the height of misery.

Her naturally frail body enfeebled by drugs succumbed to the same disease that had slain her lover.

It fell to the lot of her faithful friend D'Alembert to arrange her affairs and to sort her papers. They revealed to him what would have seemed quite obvious, that he had held no place in her love.

"I wasted for her sixteen years of my life," he said. She never loved me. Among all her letters had she kept one of mine? She belonged to the world sooner than to me. I am sixty years old."

To read Miss Bowen is a real refreshment especially at a time when the world is drab coloured.

H. H.

COMING EVENTS.

November 2nd.—Irish Nurses' Association, Meeting Executive Committee, 34, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin. 8 p.m.

November 7th.—British Committee French Red Cross, French Embassy, Albert Gate, S.W. The Lord Mayor of London will, through His Excellency, hand over to the British Committee, F.R.C., the proceeds of France's Day appeal. 12 noon.

ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

November 7th.—Royal British Nurses' Association Conference, at the Rooms of the Medical Society of London, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London, W. Chair, Her Royal Highness Princess Christian. First Session, 3 p.m. (1) The Economic Position of the Trained Nurse. (2) Some Phases of Modern Nursing. Interval for tea. Chair, Herbert J. Paterson, Esqre., F.R.C.S. Second Session, 5.30 p.m. The Differences between the Two Nurses' Registration Bills, and why the Royal British Nurses' Association does not agree with the Bill of the College of Nursing, Ltd."

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.

AS FAR AS VANCOUVER.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I beg to enclose subscription for one year. THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING is an inspiration, and especially in the way it is

holding out against the dangerous constitution of the College of Nursing, Ltd.

If I were home again I would gladly rejoin its fighting ranks. One of Mrs. Bedford Fenwick's letters in the Journal was read at our last Association Meeting, and I was proud to think her influence was felt all the way to Vancouver.

Yours truly,
INA M. COLE, R.N.,
Assist. Superintendent.

Victorian Order of Nurses,
Vancouver, Canada.

[We also are proud that the influence of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING is felt "all the way to Vancouver." The fact is that in our free Dominions the nurses have always been warm supporters of the Journal's policy, and professional programme, and have in many instances adopted it greatly to their advantage, and of the sick public, whose helpers they are.—ED.]

INFORMATION REQUIRED.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—Could you help me to find out particulars about an article which appeared in your Nursing Record a week or two ago? It was headed "Makeshifts," spoke about flies being blind to certain colours, especially blue. In a country like this, where flies abound in the hot weather, it would be invaluable to know if blue blinds would be a protection against flies, and what the shade of blue should be. I wonder also if having the walls painted or papered blue would help. . . . I get your paper regularly and appreciate it very much, and also the work you are doing in trying to get registration for nurses. I have just read the article about Miss Elizabeth Asquith and her wax doll, it really makes one's blood boil!

Yours very truly,
MARY BALMER.

Native Mission,
S. Africa.

[We shall be greatly obliged if the writer of "Makeshifts," a most interesting article, will be good enough to reply to this question through the Journal, so that others may benefit by it.—ED.]

We regret that several letters are unavoidably held over.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITION.

QUESTIONS.

November 9th.—Give the nursing of a case after removal of kidney, and state the complications that may occur.

November 16th.—What complications would you watch for if nursing a patient suffering from an injury to the spine?

November 23rd.—What precautions would you take if nursing a case of septic pneumonia following influenza?

November 30th.—What do you know of "mustard gas" burns and their treatment?

[previous page](#)

[next page](#)