

During the dancing which took place during the proceedings, "the more serious people such as the prime minister and the admirals etc were eating ices and talking passionately about the laws in a low undertone. The earl was soon mungling gaily in a set of lancers but Mr. Salteena dare not because of his trousers."

In the meantime Bernard and Ethel paid a visit to town under somewhat compromising circumstances. As Mr. Barrie says, 'chaperone' seems to be one of the very few good words of which our authoress had never heard!

They decide also to call on the Earl of Clincham.

Bernard was a handsome sight in some exquisite white trousers and a pale blue blazer belt and cap.

He wore this in honour of the earl, who had been to Cambridge in his youth, and so had Bernard Clark.

Ethel married Bernard, to the great mortification of Mr. Salteena. Among their wedding presents was a charming gift from the earl of Clincham, "consisting of some hemstitched sheets edged with real lace and a photo of himself in a striking attitude."

They returned from their Honeymoon with a son and his a nice fat baby. They soon had six more children and some of them were twins which was very exciting.

Mr. Salteena had to be content with a maid in waiting and ten children. He took to dreaming of Ethel and wishing he could have married her. Still he was a pious man in his way and found relief in prayer.

Comment on this amazing production would be superfluous.

H. H.

GIVE US MEN.

God, give us men. A time like this demands
Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands;
Men whom the lust of office does not kill;

Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;
Men who possess opinions and a will;

Men who have honour; men who will not lie;
Men who can stand before a demagogue

And damn his treacherous flatteries without winking;
Good men, sun crowned, who live above the fog

In public duty and in private thinking.
For while the rabble with their thumbworn creeds,
Their large professions and their little deeds,
Mingle in selfish strife, lo! Freedom weeps,
Wrong rules the land, and waiting Justice sleeps.

J. G. HOLLAND.

—From the "Canadian Nurse."

WORD FOR THE WEEK.

Courage for the great sorrows of life, and patience for the small ones, and then, when you have laboriously accomplished your daily task, go to sleep in peace. God is awake.—Victor Hugo.

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.

NURSES' UNIFORM NEEDS PROTECTION.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

MADAM,—Would you be good enough to give publicity, through your columns, to the case of Miss Annie Bacon, Health Visitor, to whom the Southwark Borough Council decided to give three months notice for refusing to wear a uniform to which she considers she is not entitled, *i.e.*, that usually worn by a qualified nurse? Might I appeal to those of your readers who are health visitors, or who are in the nursing profession, to uphold the courageous action of Miss Bacon by ignoring any appointments offered by the Southwark Borough Council?

Miss Bacon is to be congratulated on her attitude in this matter, since she recognises that no matter how highly qualified in other spheres of health work, the usual nurses' uniform should not be worn except by women holding a recognised certificate of three years' training in general nursing.

At a time when nurses are fighting for the proper recognition of their profession and uniform, the action of the Southwark Borough Council is deeply to be regretted.

It is an action which cannot be said to be in the public interest, or tending to uphold the status of the profession.

I am, Madam,

Yours faithfully,

E. A. B.

[We refer to this matter in another column.—ED]

KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

Not Surprised: "I am not surprised at the indignation of 'F.F.N.C. Sister,' who came home and found our Bill wrecked. But when all is said and done, it is the Matrons and Nurses who have instigated the crime—for crime I consider it when one realises the suffering of the sick resulting from lack of nursing efficiency. The 'Manchester group of M.P.s' are considering 'my constituents' and the M.R.I. which inspired their policy, is a stronghold of feudalism."

OUR PRIZE COMPETITION.

QUESTIONS.

August 9th.—What are the principal emetics and in what cases are they used?

August 16th.—What is meant by "descent of the cord" and what complications and difficulties does this create?

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