

near, he turned more and more into a child, speaking of his mother, 'I'll bet she'd rather have had me and my plagues than not; don't you think so?'"

"Then the lazy eyes closed in their last weariness, the impudent lips parted, and Penny was dead. The war had beaten him. It was too big a circumstance for him to tame."

The book concludes with Rupert's remarks on the eve of battle. "I cannot bear to think of my mother's pain if to-morrow claims me. If these paragraphs stand and I fall, it will be at least a true ending—true to things as they were for the generation in which we were born."

Thoughtful readers will ponder over this study of boy life long after they have turned the last page.

H. H.

COMING EVENTS.

March 17th.—General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Meeting. Ministry of Health, Whitehall, S.W. 2. 2.30 p.m.

March 18th.—R.B.N.A. Club, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.: Lecture by Professor MacGregor-Morris, on "Thunder and Lightning," illustrated by lantern slides. 3 p.m.

March 23rd.—Central Midwives' Board: Monthly Meeting, 1, Queen Anne's Gate Buildings, S.W.

March 23rd.—British Hospital for Mothers and Babies at Woolwich. Her Majesty the Queen to open new buildings. 3 p.m.

March 25th.—Royal British Nurses' Association's Club, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W. Informal Talk. "Things a Nurse Should Know," by Mr. Herbert Paterson, C.B.E., F.R.C.S. 8.15 p.m.

March 31st.—Professional Union of Trained Nurses. Annual General Meeting, "Plane Tree," 106, Great Russell Street, W.C.1. Admission by 1922 Membership card. 5.30 p.m.

A WORD FOR THE WEEK.

So when you see another
Losing hope—well, he's a brother,
And a word, a deed, is due
To that brother man from you.
Help him! It is Christ's own plan!
Help a fellow all you can.

Dennis A. McCarthy.

You are writing a Gospel,
A chapter each day,
By deeds that you do,
By words that you say.
Men read what you write,
Whether faithless or true.
Say what is the Gospel according to you?

The best way to live well is to work well; good work is the daily test and safeguard of personal health."—J. Mortimer Granville.

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.

HONOUR TO WHOM HONOUR IS DUE.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—Can you find space wherein I may offer a word of sincere congratulation and thanks to Councillor Beatrice Kent regarding the Protest Meeting held under her chairmanship on Friday last? Congratulations are due on account of the excellent attendance and the enthusiasm displayed, and thanks for the very lucid *résumé* she gave of the situation up to date. The remarks, too, which she made on the usual *modus operandi* of bodies answerable to Government for their actions and findings struck me as being particularly apposite to the occasion.

Yours faithfully,

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COMING EVENTS CAST THEIR SHADOWS BEFORE THEM.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—We, the undersigned trained nurses, desire to associate ourselves with the Meeting of Protest called for March 10th, which our duty will not allow us to attend. We strongly disapprove of the new rules passed by the G.N.C. on February 17th, and endorse the three resolutions agreed upon by the R.N.P. Council, excepting the petition to the Minister of Health to dissolve the Council.

Last year, certificates were lodged out of our reach for some time, owing to house moving, etc. We were regretting the delay in Registering thus caused. Now we are thankful we did not Register.

We feel that the present unsatisfactory state of our professional affairs is the natural consequence of the careless inertia that the majority of us of the rank and file have shown with regard to the profession as a whole, and to its politics and finances. If we had not left these matters concerning its whole status as a great National Service, to a few who like yourself have worked and fought so long for the organisation of our profession, we could now have acquired the statutory right to self-government already possessed by various other professions.

We feel it intolerable that our governing body should be composed largely of persons outside the profession. Their advice, particularly that of the Medical Profession, would no doubt be immensely valuable in many matters and upon many occasions, but let us seek it from them as members of their profession and not governors of ours. We now feel that the goal to aim at is the repeal of the present Registration Act, and the passing of one which will set us free to exercise

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