

true colours under her veneer of hardness, and remains to comfort her.

Dombeen's fear that he might now prove an interloper between mother and daughter is overruled and the story concludes with a picture of him in the home of the two Roses in a house overlooking the sea.

We must confess to sympathy with poor Eustace, who, after all, could not help being a bore, and he was really attached to his wife. No attempt, however, is made to justify Rose, and Eustace apparently made the best of things in his precise and well-ordered lonely house.

The story is written with much charm and grace of language.

H. H.

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

It appears that Princess Mary is to be snowed under with wedding gifts, and we are pleased to note that Her Royal Highness is to be permitted to enjoy personal gifts—and not have her marriage made the excuse of collecting large sums of money for local charities, although naturally some good works will receive support in commemoration of the romantic event.

The wedding is announced to take place in the Abbey at the end of February, we can well imagine the competition for invitations to view what will certainly be a very lovely ceremony. No doubt the "woman in the street" will camp out on the pavement all night.

The Hon. Violet Douglas-Pennant, the head Commandant of the W.R.A.F., whose dismissal resounded through the House of Lords, is setting forth her case in "Under the Searchlight," a book to be published shortly. We can imagine it will be a "best seller," and will rival the "Margot" revelations.

The National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship is mobilising its forces in readiness for the General Election. It intends, through its affiliated societies, to do propagandist work on non-party lines in as many constituencies as possible, and will organise a "flying column" of voluntary workers to help the candidature of approved women standing for Parliament.

The Women's Freedom League announce that they have sent a letter to the Minister of Health urging the inclusion of a woman councillor, a woman physician, and also a woman with wide experience in administration, and the treatment of mental patients in institutions, among those chosen for the Committee appointed to investigate the charges made by Dr. Lomax in his book, "Experiences of an Asylum Doctor," on the administration and treatment of patients in asylums.

The Secretary of the League states that she presses for the appointments named, not only in the interests of thousands of women patients, but also because public confidence in the findings of the Investigation Committee would be immeasurably increased by the inclusion of these women.

VICTORIAN ORDER OF NURSES FOR CANADA.

THE NURSES' CALENDAR, 1922.

It is a happy idea of the Victorian Order of Nurses for Canada to issue an Annual Calendar, and it has given us much pleasure to receive the charming one for 1922, with its frontispiece of the business-like figure of a Nurse of the Order ready to start on her round and carrying her neat bag stamped with the letters "V.O.N.," which mean comfort and help to so many sick people.

At the top of each page is a word for the week, and we quote a few of these wise sayings:—

"You know them—there are little ones
Glancing around in my path in need of a friend
and a guide.

There are dim little eyes looking up into mine
Whose tears might be easily dried—
But Jesus may beckon the children away
In the midst of their fun and their glee.
Will any of them at the beautiful Gate
Be watching and waiting for me?"

"Those who have been watching the evolution of our old friend, the district nurse, through the various stages into the Public Health Nurse, will have realised that the rapid expansion of health nursing is due, not purely to philanthropic impulse, but that it rests upon the solid and stable ground of a well-recognised and permanent social necessity."—*M. Adelaide Nutting.*

"Whoso loves a child loves not himself but God; whoso delights a child labours with God in His workshop in the world of hearts; whoso helps a child brings the Kingdom of God; whoso saves a child from the fingers of evil sits in the seat with the builders of cities and the procurers of peace."

Norman Duncan.

All success to the Victorian Order of Nurses.

COMING EVENTS.

January 21st.—Royal British Nurses' Association Club, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W. "At Home" to the men of St. Dunstan's. 3 to 6 p.m.

January 21st-28th.—Scottish Nurses' Club. Lectures on "Citizenship" by J. R. Peddie, Esq., M.B.E., M.A. (Glasgow University), 205, Bath Street, Glasgow. 4 p.m.

January 24th.—Dance for Nurses. Trades Hall, Glasgow. Arranged by Sir John and Lady Reid.

January 26th.—Central Midwives Board, Monthly Meeting. 1, Queen Anne's Gate Buildings, S.W.

January 27th.—Professional Union of Trained Nurses. Members' Meeting. Plane Tree Restaurant, 106, Great Russell Street, W.C. Admission by Membership Card. 6 p.m.

January 28th.—Royal British Nurses' Association Club, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W. Miss Beatrice Cutler "At Home," 4 to 6 p.m.

February 14th and 15th.—Central Poor Law Conference. Guildhall, E.C.

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