

Review.

PROFESSOR CORFIELD, in his last excellent book "Disease and Defective House Sanitation," once more shows that he has the rare art of simplifying a technical science so as to be easily "understood of the people." Dr. Corfield has produced many books, but not one which could be more valuable to Nurses, since it contains the salient points of house sanitation, and shows how defects in plumbing and drain-construction have an immediate relation to health. The book is made up of two lectures delivered before the Harveian Society of London, and, at the small published price (two shillings), should have a large sale. In the introduction some interesting light is thrown on the knowledge of sanitation as a science possessed by the Egyptians, and Dr. Corfield points out in the books of Moses a recognition of the art of fumigation, and even of the necessity for totally destroying dwellings in which lepers had lived. He also points to the care with which the Romans arranged their water supply, and the means they took to prevent contamination at the source or in the course of distribution.

The section dealing with Sore Throat as the result of defective sanitation, and Hospital throats, through the systematic breathing of bad air, is specially interesting to Nurses, as is also the conclusive evidence brought forward to show that sore throats, both ulcerated and diphtheritic, have been traced to slight escapes of *coal-gas* through defective fittings, more especially in bedrooms. In speaking of diphtheria, Dr. Corfield says: "As is well known, diphtheria has for many years past been a disease especially occurring in isolated country houses, and has, until the last few years, obtained very little hold upon our large towns. Now, however, it is spreading to an alarming extent in London." "Why diphtheria was formerly a country disease, and is now becoming a town disease, has not yet been explained." "Whether diphtheria can be communicated by means of contaminated drinking water is another point that has not yet been positively decided, although some observations and experiments brought by Dr. Browning before the Society of Medical Officers of Health some years ago seem to show that it may be spread in this way." The book, which we cordially recommend, is published by Messrs. Lewis, Gower Street.

Bookland.

WICKLOW HILLS.*

I heard the noise of fairy pipes complaining all night long
 What time the skies were empty of cloud and star and song.
 I heard the noise of fairy pipes complaining far away,
 High up among the Wicklow Hills till dawning o' the day.
 Oh, far was I from Wicklow Hills, and yet I saw and knew
 Beneath the feet of dancers there how shone the Druid dew:

*From "Under the Quicken Boughs," by Nora Hopper. (London: The Bodley Head.)

My feet were moving to the tune that fairy pipers play
 High up among the Wicklow Hills till dawning o' the day.

My dead love danced all night with me among the deathless Shée,

And we were young and gay again together, I and he—
 Though he was dead in Devenish, and I was far away,
 We danced all night on Wicklow Hills till dawning o' the day.

It's O the kindly hands I grasped, the kindly eyes I knew—

It's O to meet the dancing feet to-night amid the dew;
 But the pipes are still, and never a hill I see but's far away,

And I turn my head on a widowed bed, at dawning o' the day.

NORA HOPPER.

WHAT TO READ.

"The Civilisation of our day." A Series of Original Essays on some of its more important Phases at the Close of the Nineteenth Century. By the Right Hon. Professor F. Max-Müller, Dr. Richard Garnett, C.B., LL.D., Sir Hugh Gilzean-Reid, F. E. Baines, E. W. Maunder, F.R.A.S., &c., and other Expert Writers. Edited by James Samuelson, Author of "Roumania," "Bulgaria," &c.

"The Natives of Sarawak and British North Borneo," by H. Ling Roth. (London: Truslove and Hanson.)

"Genius and Degeneration," a Psychological Study, by Dr. William Hirsch. (W. Heinemann.)

"Moltke's Letters to His Wife," with an Introduction by Sidney Whitman. With Portraits of Moltke and his Wife, never before published, and a Genealogical Tree, in Facsimile of the Field-Marshal's Handwriting. (Kegan Paul, Trench, Trubner and Co.)

"The Grey Man," by S. R. Crockett. (T. Fisher Unwin.)

"The Reds of the Midi." An Episode of the Revolution, by Felix Gras. (Wm. Heinemann.)

Coming Events.

October 23rd.—By command of H.R.H. the President, Special Meeting of the General Council of the Royal British Nurses' Association, 4.30 p.m. Agenda, "To confirm the election and, if necessary, to elect the Vice-Chairmen, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretaries for the ensuing year."

October 26th.—"Infectious Diseases and Methods of Disinfection." Henry R. Kenwood, M.B., D.P.H., F.C.S., Medical Officer of Health, Stoke Newington. The Sanitary Institute, Margaret Street, W., 8 p.m.

October 27th to 30th.—Annual Conference of the National Union of Women Workers, Manchester.

October 29th.—London Homœopathic Hospital, At Home, 4 to 6, in Barton Ward, "to commemorate Sister Marian's twenty years of Hospital Service."

October 29th.—"Diseases of Animals in relation to Meat Supply; Characteristics of Vegetables, Fish, &c., unfit for food." Alfred Hill, M.D., F.R.S.E., F.I.C., F.C.S., Medical Officer of Health, Birmingham. The Sanitary Institute, Margaret Street, 8 p.m.

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