

## Bookland.

Miss Dora Sigerson (Mrs. Clement Shorter) has completed a volume of poems, which is to be published next month from the Bodley Head. It is predicted that these verses will place Mrs. Shorter in the very front rank of our women poets. These new poems must go far if they are to rank with "Opals," by Olive Custance, just issued by the same discriminating firm.

Madame Sarah Grand's new novel is now in the press, and will be published early in November by Mr. Heinemann. The title she has given it is "The Beth Book," and it is described as the story of a woman of genius.

Miss Violet Hunt's new story, "Unkist, Unkind," is to be published next week by Messrs. Chapman.

A monument to the memory of Joanna Baillie, the poetess, the gift of an anonymous donor, is about to be erected in Bothwell, Lanarkshire, her birthplace.

## WHAT TO READ.

- "In Northern Spain." By Hans Gadow, M.A.  
 "Greece in the 19th Century." By Lewis Sergeant  
 "Richard Baird Smith." By Col. H. M. Vibart.  
 "The Queen of the Jesters." By Max Pemberton.  
 "The Invisible Man." By H. G. Wells.  
 "Three Partners." By Bret Harte.  
 "Prisoners of Conscience." By Amelia E. Barr.  
 "The Martian." By George Du Maurier.  
 "The Skipper's Wooing." By W. W. Jacobs.  
 "The Gadfly." By E. L. Voynich.

## Coming Events.

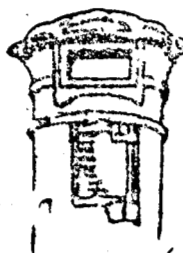
## THE SANITARY INSTITUTE.

*September 27th.*—Introductory Lecture. The Outcome of Sanitation. Louis Parkes, M.D., M.R.C.S., D.P.H.Lond., Lecturer on Public Health, St. George's Hospital, Medical Officer of Health, Chelsea. 8 p.m.

*September 30th.*—Sanitary Law. English, Scotch, and Irish; General Enactments, Public Health Act, 1875; Model Bye-Laws, &c. Herbert Manley, M.A. Cantab., M.B., D.P.H., Medical Officer of Health, West Bromwich. 8 p.m.

*September 30th.*—Annual Meeting of the Registered Nurses' Society, at Mitcham Hall, Surrey. Garden Party by the kind invitation of Miss Millington, 3 to 7 p.m.

*October 13th.*—Public Meeting at St. Martin's Town Hall, 4 p.m., convened by the Members' Rights Defence Committee of the Royal British Nurses' Association. To draw attention to the present mismanagement of the Association, and the necessity for a public inquiry into the matter.



## Letters to the Editor.

NOTES, QUÉRIES, &amp;C.

*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.*

"TO BE CONTINUED IN OUR NEXT."

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

MADAM,—My attention has been called to a paragraph in your last issue, stating that several of our nurses are suffering with typhoid, and that one case has ended fatally.

Allow me to inform you that we have only had one nurse suffering with typhoid, and she is now approaching convalescence. I would repeat the request I made on a former occasion, that before publishing reports prejudicial to this hospital, you would verify the statements made to you. I am at all times ready to give you information. I am at a loss to understand who can originate such untruthful paragraphs.

Yours faithfully,

CONRAD W. THIES, Secretary.

Royal Free Hospital,  
 Gray's Inn Road, W.C.,  
 September 14th, 1897.

[Upon the receipt of this letter, a representative of this journal called upon Mr. Conrad Thies, at 11.30 on Saturday morning, but found he had not arrived at the hospital. The matron, however, courteously afforded the following information:—The housekeeper, three resident medical officers, and a nurse, have been recently, or are at present, suffering from enteric fever, and a patient had also contracted the same disease whilst in the hospital. It will be seen, therefore, that we understated, rather than overstated, the number of the staff suffering from this outbreak, though the majority of those attacked belonged to the medical instead of the nursing staff, and that the report which had reached us as to an outbreak of enteric fever in this institution was absolutely correct—a fact which we certainly should not have gathered from Mr. Thies's letter. We have written to Mr. Thies, asking for information as to the dates of the issue of the NURSING RECORD in which reports occurred prejudicial to the interests of the Royal Free Hospital. As our readers will doubtless be aware, the only report which has been given of this hospital, since we have edited the NURSING RECORD, was an account of the distribution of prizes and certificates to the medical students, which appeared in our issue of July 3rd of this year, which was certainly entirely sympathetic. We await a reply to our letter, and hope that Mr. Thies may find time to answer it in the course of the next week, and that he will consider it advisable, as an official of a public institution, to adopt in future a more courteous style of addressing the press.—ED.]

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