

water bath, for babies, the soap used being of course a non-irritant one. It may be English prejudice, but we confess that unction with cocoanut oil, is not to our minds a desirable substitute, nor can we agree with Dr. Tucker that the raisin of commerce is a desirable dressing for a sore navel.

Dr. Tucker relates the following experience of the ways of mothers:—"Some years ago I was called to see a baby, who was suffering from chronic indigestion. Next day I found a neighbour (Mrs. T.) had assured them that my prescription was all wrong, thrown away my medicine, and prescribed something else. I said with considerable vigour that either Mrs. T. or myself must be discharged. The young mother appealed to me in this way. 'Just think,' said she, 'of Mrs. T.'s experience; she has had eleven babies, and lost ten.'"

Bookland.

Any work by Miss Montrésor, the author of "Into the Highways and Hedges," is sure of a warm welcome, and, as her new novel, just issued, "At the Cross Roads," has taken her a year to write, we may be sure much care and thought has been expended on it.

Novel readers are having a busy time just now; new works being issued daily from the pens of our best women writers—John Oliver Hobbs, Sarah Grand, Mrs. Hodgson Burnett, to say nothing of the productions of the mere male.

"The Typewriter Girl," by Oliver P. Rayner, is simply delightful—brilliant and humorous—just the book to rest the brain of a tired nurse. We are of opinion, however, that Juliet—the heroine—was wrong in persuading her Romeo to marry a "doll-baby" woman, intercourse with whom must have been a daily martyrdom to a sensitive and intellectual man.

Mr. Kinnaird Rose, author of "With the Greeks in Thessaly," has received a letter from M. Scouloudis, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Athens, acknowledging the receipt of a copy of his work, presented to the King of Greece. M. Scouloudis thanks Mr. Rose for the friendly feelings and generous interests in the fortunes of Greece shown throughout the book. "The fairness and the correctness of the appreciations contained therein," he says, "will make, and does make it already, a precious contribution to the history of the recent war."

THE MIRACLE OF TEARS.

I sometimes wonder, love, when death
Beckons to his unsparing stream,
And points the aged ferry's gleam
Cast in thy wake, if from beneath
Thy laughing brow
A tear will flow
To be my funeral wreath.
Think me not selfish for the thought—
We all are jealous for a tear—
Surely my heart is overwrought
Now that the rift of love is near:
We cannot guess
Its bitterness
Until the oar we hear.

—W. C. M., *Westminster Gazette*.

WHAT TO READ.

"The Lost Empires of the Modern World." Essays in Imperial History. By Walter Frewen Lord.

"The Benin Massacre." By Captain Allan Boisragon, one of the two survivors, Commandant of the Niger Coast Protectorate.

"Christian Martyrdom in Russia." Edited by Vladimir Tchertkoff. Containing a concluding Chapter and Letter by Leo Tolstoy.

"The Waterloo Ball." By Sir William Fraser, Bart., M.A., of Christ Church, Oxford, late Captain 1st Life Guards.

"At the Cross Roads." By F. F. Montrésor.

"Dr. Luttrell's First Patient." By Rosa Nouchette Carey.

"The Rip's Redemption." A Trooper's Story. By E. Livingston Prescott.

Coming Events.

THE SANITARY INSTITUTE.

October 4th.—The Law Relating to the Supervision of Food Supply. A. Wynter Blyth, M.R.C.S., F.I.C., F.C.S., Barrister-at-law, Medical Officer of Health, St. Marylebone, at 8 p.m.

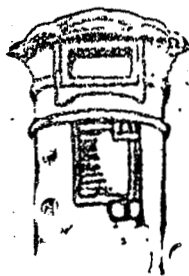
October 7th.—Sanitary Laws and Regulations Governing the Metropolis. A. Wynter Blyth, M.R.C.S., F.I.C., F.C.S., Barrister-at-law, Medical Officer of Health, St. Marylebone, at 8 p.m.

THE ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

It has been arranged that a Public Meeting shall take place in St. Martin's Town Hall, Charing Cross Road, on Wednesday, October 13th, at 4 p.m., under the auspices of the Members' Rights Defence Committee of the Royal British Nurses' Association, when the reasons for the public inquiry which is now being demanded into the management of the Royal British Nurses' Association will be explained, and important Resolutions will be proposed—the full text of which we hope to be able to publish in due course. Those interested in the question are cordially invited to attend.

Letters to the Editor.

NOTES, QUERIES, &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.

IS NURSING MANLY?

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—I have read, with much interest, the letters which have appeared in the NURSING RECORD upon this subject, and feel tempted to add my own views upon it, if you can find space for them

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