

The Poet in the City.

- "The Poet stood in the sombre town,
And spake to his heart, and said,
'O weary prison, devised by man!
O seasonless place, and dead!
His heart was sad, for afar he heard
The sound of the Spring's light tread.
- "He thought he saw in the pearly East
The pale March sun arise,
The happy housewife beneath the thatch,
With hand above her eyes,
Look out to the cawing rooks, that built
So near to the quiet skies.
- "Out of the smoke, and noise, and sin,
The heart of the Poet cried:
'O God! but to be Thy labourer there,
On the gentle hill's green side,
To leave the struggle of want and wealth,
And the battle of lust and pride!
- "He bent his ear, and he heard afar
The growing of tender things,
And his heart beat forth with the travailing earth,
And shook with the tremulous wings
Of sweet brown birds, that had never known
The dirge of the city's sins.
- "And later, when all the earth was green,
As the Garden of the Lord,
Primroses opening their innocent face,
Cowslips scattered abroad,
Blue bells mimicking summer skies,
And the song of the thrush outpoured—
- "The changeless days were so sad to him,
That the Poet's heart beat strong,
And he struggled as some poor caged lark,
And he cried: 'How long, how long?
I have missed a Spring I can never see,
And the singing of birds is gone!'
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- "But when the time of the roses came,
And the nightingale hushed her lay,
The Poet, still in the dusty town,
Went quietly on his way—
A poorer poet by just one Spring,
And a richer man by one suffering."

(From "Songs in Minor Keys."
By C. C. FRASER TYTLER.)

WHAT TO READ.

- "Doctor and Patients: Hints to Both." By Robert Gersuny.
- "The Care of the Sick at Home and in the Hospital." By Dr. Billroth, translated by J. Bentall-Endean.
- "Three Years in Savage Africa." By Lionel Declé.
- "The Malakand Field Force." By Lieutenant W. L. S. Churchill.
- "American Wives and English Husbands." By Gertrude Atherton.
- "Dreamers of the Ghetto." By I. Zangwill.
- "The Incidental Bishop." By Grant Allen.
- "Carpet Courtship." By Thomas Cobb.
- "The Mummy's Dream: an Egyptian Story of the Exodus." Written and Illustrated by H. B. Proctor.

Coming Events.

March 21st.—Maternity Charity and District Nurses' Home, Plaistow: Annual Meeting at Wimborne House, Arlington Street, 3.30 p.m.

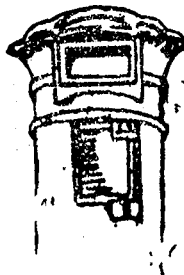
March 22nd.—Festival Dinner of the East London Hospital for Children, Mr. B. L. Cohen, M.P., L.C.C., presiding.

March 22nd.—Annual Meeting of the East End Mothers' Home, at No. 9, Grosvenor Gardens, S.W., by the kind permission of Mr. and the Hon. Mrs. John H. D. Ryder. The Viscount Knutsford, G.C.M.G., in the chair. 3.30 p.m.

March 25th.—Royal British Nurses' Association. Sessional Lecture: Afghanistan (with Lantern Illustrations), by Miss Lilius Hamilton, M.D., late Physician to the Ameer at Cabul. At the Rooms of the London Medical Society, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square. 8 p.m.

March 25th.—Annual Meeting of the Seamen's Hospital Society, Royal United Service Institution. The Bishop of London will preside.

March 28th.—Annual Meeting of the Asylum Workers' Association, at the Rooms of the Medical Society of London, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square. 4 p.m.



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.

THE REGISTER.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

MADAM,—I am very glad that you have drawn attention to the glaring inaccuracies of the Register of the Royal British Nurses' Association. After a casual glance through it, one is tempted to wonder why the Registration Board are ignorant of matters which are common knowledge to the whole of the nursing world. For their own credit one would have supposed they would not have sanctioned such an exhibition of ignorance as appears in its pages.

If you would care to publish more mistakes I shall be pleased to send to you some of those which I have come across. I wonder how many Members of the Royal British Nurses' Association in common with myself consider why we pay a Registrar all the year round, when no verification slips are sent out, and the Register appears as it has done this year. Nurses are renowned, as a rule, for wishing to get good value for their money. Do they think they do so in this case?

Yours truly,

ONE WHO HAS FORMED THE
OPPOSITE CONCLUSION.

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