

wreck and the surf, the wild madness of going down within sight of home for which one had yearned for ten years, is perhaps the finest part of the telling; and throughout there is a wierd note, which reminds us that the author of this tale wrote "The Lost Stradivarius, and may yet give us another story of the Unexplained.

G. M. R.

Sonnet on Friendship.

Some hearts resemble fragile thistle-down
 Stirred by each passing wind of circumstance,
 To hover in the presence of renown,
 Or near a fascinating countenance.
 They come unsought; as quickly do they go—
 Uncertain as the god whose breezy wings
 Are shaken out to make the zephyrs blow—
 Showing how hearts may be unstable things.
 Unlike these vagrant moods is the brown bur;
 Where its attentions fall 'tis sure to cling;
 Trial in shakings cannot make it stir,
 Nor Zephyrs dislodge it with its wing.
 Thus steadfast is a heart's true fellowship
 When fingers fasten in a friendship's grip.

BY G. HUNT JACKSON.

WHAT TO READ.

- "Songs of Greater Britain, and Other Poems." By Cicely Fox Smith.
 "The Life of Henry Drummond." By George Adam Smith.
 "The American Revolution." Covering the period 1766-1776. By Sir George Trevelyan.
 "What We Owe to the Puritans." By C. Silvester Horne, M.A.
 "Cavour." By the Countess Evelyn Martinengo Cesaresco.
 "Bismillah." By A. J. Dawson.
 "The Romance of a Ritualist." By Vincent Brown.
 "Meg of the Scarlet Foot." By W. Edwards Tirebuck.
 "A World Bewitched." By James M. Graham.
 "The Duenna of a Genius." By M. E. Francis, Author of "A Daughter of the Soil."

Coming Events.

January 17th.—The Princess Louise, Marchioness of Lorne, distributes the Prizes to the students of the Royal Female School of Art, Mercers' Hall, 3.30 p.m.

January 18th.—The Hon. Mrs. Talbot presides over a Meeting convened by the Battersea Women's Branch of the Parent Early Closing Association at the Battersea Town Hall, 3.30 p.m.

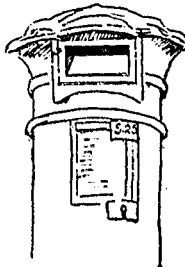
January 20th.—The Duchess of Albany opens a new Nurses' Home in connection with the Chelsea Hospital for Women.

January 26th.—The Empress Frederic opens a new block of Miss Weston's Sailors' Rest at Plymouth.

February 16th and 17th.—Central Poor-Law Conference at the Guildhall. Paper by Miss C. S. Wilkie, Lady Superintendent of St. Luke's Hospital, Halifax, on "Workhouse Nursing."

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.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE (SCOTTISH BRANCH).

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—May I draw your attention to a slight mistake in your summary of the Report of above Institute. For the last four or five years the Scottish Council have given three months' training to all nurses trained for them who have not already received some fever training. You will see by enclosed rules that they do not make it compulsory, but in only two instances have nurses asked to be excused from it, and it has been much valued by all those who have taken it. The Council is enabled to give this training through the kindness and courtesy of the Matron and Authorities of the Edinburgh City Fever Hospital.

I remain, yours faithfully,
J. WADE.

[We thank Miss Wade for her courteous explanation, to which we have alluded in the Echoes.—Ed.]

THE AGE LIMIT.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—I was very glad to see in last week's NURSING RECORD that a correspondent drew attention to the difficulty experienced by elderly nurses in obtaining employment. A man of the age of 35 or 40 is considered in the prime of life, and it seems, therefore, very unfair that a woman should be put on the shelf at this age. It is sad to see also how very few employments there are which are open to women in which they can earn enough to support themselves. What is to become of women in the future? There are few who have enough to live upon, in even moderate comfort; there are many who, if they are to keep off the rates, must earn their own living, and the question is one which must be faced in the near future. Women seem to me to suffer economically, because they are isolated units; they have no organizations as men have, in which they can discuss their difficulties, decide upon a definite course of action, and through which they can make their voices heard. They, therefore, go to the wall. Another point is that all the laws in this country are man-made, and therefore protect the interests of men while they are often unfair to those of women; and so long as women are willing to accept the disabilities imposed upon them, so long will they continue. When do women intend to demand a voice in the making of the laws which they are compelled to keep?

Yours faithfully,
A NURSE OF FIVE-AND-THIRTY.

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