

sequently marry, the young husband having been disposed of at the battle of Waterloo.

The number of dramatis personæ is somewhat bewildering, many of them—such as Molly Curragh—have that curious scrappiness which arises from their being real people described, instead of creations of the author. But taken as a whole the book is full of ability, and shows a knowledge of the period selected which must be the result of close study.

G. M. R.

SATISFIED.

Love wore a threadbare dress of gray,
And toiled upon the road all day.

Love wielded pick and carried pack,
And bent to heavy loads the back.

Though meagre-fed and sorely tasked,
One only wage Love ever asked—

A child's white face to kiss at night,
A woman's smile by candle light.

MARGARET E. SANGSTER,
In *Lippincott's Magazine*.

WHAT TO READ.

- "From Peking to Petersburg. A Journey of Fifty Days in 1898" By Arnot Reid.
- "On Veldt and Farm, in Cape Colony, Bechuanaland, Natal, and the Transvaal." By Frances McNab.
- "The Life of Benvenuto Cellini." Translated by John Addington Symonds.
- "World Politics at the end of the XIXth Century, as influenced by the Oriental Situation." By Paul S. Reinsch, Ph.D., LL.B.
- "The Distribution of Wealth. A Theory of Wages, Interest, and Profit." By Professor John Bates Clark.
- "Seven Gardens and a Palace." By E. V. B. (the Hon. Mrs. Boyle).
- "The Master Christian." By Marie Corelli.
- "The Cardinal's Snuffbox." By Henry Harland.
- "The Father Confessor: Stories of Death and Danger." By Dora Siegerson. (Mrs. Clement Shorter.)

Coming Events.

July 16th.—The Duke and Duchess of York open the new Islington Parochial Infirmary at Highgate Hill.

The Lord Mayor unveils a Bust of Her Majesty the Queen at the City of London Hospital, Victoria Park.

July 17th.—Princess Frederica's Homes for Gentlewomen, Trinity Road, Tulse Hill—Reception by Princess Frederica, 3.

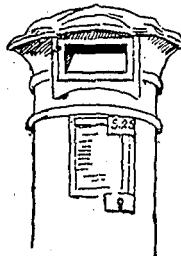
Fete at the Botanical Gardens, organised by the Countess of Ancaster, in aid of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, 3 to 8.

July 18th.—Dental Hospital of London—Conversation and Distribution of Prizes, Royal Institute Galleries, 8.

July 19th.—London Hospital—Distribution of Prizes to Students and Probationers and opening of the New Club's Union Rooms, 3.30.

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 BASIS OF GOOD GOVERNMENT—
PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY.

To the Editor of the "Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—As I spent several days in London last week, in order to be present at the Matrons' Council Conference, and also at the delightful gathering of the Bart's League, I must send one word of thanks to the RECORD for having through years of discouragement kept ever before us nurses the fundamental principle of all efficient class co-operation—that of self-government. I am not a speaker, or I would have said much at the meetings on the value of the advice given; but to judge from the business-like way the nurses go to work when they have to depend on themselves, they have evidently learnt well this valuable lesson. Indeed, I was not surprised to hear Miss Stewart say from the Chair in that beautiful historic hall at St. Bartholomew's, that when she saw before her such a band of earnest women, all past or present members of the nursing staff, it was one of the happiest days of her life. And well it might be, for to have called into existence this League of St. Bartholomew's Nurses upwards of three hundred in number, in nine months time, is a good work and shows that the nurses have felt a need for this association, and that they are now ready to take an active interest in it, for their professional and personal good. Saturday was a great day for "Bart's" nurses, and it pleased more than one of us to see the great and powerful King Hal, mute and powerless for once behind the Presidential Chair, whilst the women had entire freedom of speech. And it was a relief to feel that if one opened one's lips one would not be snubbed, and pooh-poohed for one's pains. I was delighted to see how greatly the majority present enjoyed this taste of responsibility—such responsibility is good for us—and even if we make a few mistakes it is better than being treated like children, and all sense of personal responsibility taken from us.

"AN OLD BARTS NURSE."

REGISTRATION.

To the Editor of the "Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—I am delighted to see that the question of the legal registration of nurses has been dealt with at the Matrons' Council Conference, and the uniform approval accorded by the Press to the scheme is most encouraging. No doubt the South African "nurses" have done much to direct public attention to the necessity of differentiating between the true and the false, and after all we may perhaps have something to thank the Society lady for. I think it is quite time that we nurses had a society for the purpose of obtaining State Registration. The Matrons have their

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