

Verses.

REQUIEM.

God rest our gracious Queen!
Peace to our noble Queen!
God rest the Queen.
Honour Her glorious,
Faithful, laborious;
Long She reigned o'er us:
God rest the Queen.

Thy choicest gifts She wore,
Increasing evermore,
Through Her great reign.
Well She obeyed Thy laws,
Made Thine Her dearest cause;
Sing we with thankful voice:
God rest the Queen.

Lord God, above the skies,
We pray with tearful eyes:
Bless Thou Her Land.
Heal Thou the Nation's woes;
Grant peace with all our foes,
Peace—as to Thee She goes,
God rest the Queen!

EVA ANSTRUTHER.

Coming Events.

February 18th.—The grand morning benefit concert in aid of the Princess of Wales's Appeal Fund for the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association, which will take place on Monday, the 18th inst., at the Salle Erard, is under the distinguished patronage of their Royal Highnesses Princess Christian, Princess Louise Duchess of Argyll, Princess Henry of Battenberg, and the Duke of Cambridge. Tickets may be obtained at the Carlisle Carr Concert Direction, 108, New Bond Street, and of all the usual agents in town. A full hall is hoped for on the occasion.

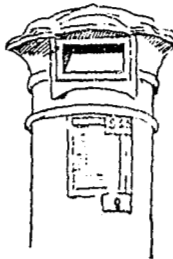
February 21st.—Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Matrons' Council, The Matrons' House, St. Bartholomew's hospital. Agenda: (1) To consider nominations for the Delegate to the Nurses' Congress, at Buffalo, U.S.A. (2) To consider the Constitution of a National Council of Nurses for Great Britain and Ireland, to affiliate with the International Council of Nurses; and other business. 4 p.m.

What to Read.

- "Modern England under Queen Victoria." By Justin McCarthy, M.P.
"A Literary History of America." By Barrett Wendell.
"The Fox-Woman." By John Luther Long. Author of "Madame Butterfly."
"Disciples of Æsculapius."—Biographies of Leaders of Medicine. By the late Sir Benjamin Ward Richardson.
"At Pretoria: the Capture of the Boer Capitals and the Hoisting of the Flag at Pretoria." By Julian Ralph.
"Eben Holden." By Irving Bacheller.
"The Invaders." By Louis Tracy.

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.

WE GRIEVE WITH YOU.

To the Editor of the "Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—The January issue of your valued publication is to hand. Permit me herewith to make my most grateful acknowledgments for your courtesy as well as for the kind mention of my appointment in charge of the Army Nurse Corps. Your journal has always a peculiar value and interest to American nurses as an exponent of the lines of work and thought of our English sisters.

Allow me to express to you the loving sympathy of the whole body of the nursing profession in America in the great bereavement which has fallen upon your nation. Her Majesty, the lamented Queen, always seemed a personal friend to the nurses, and her loss must come to you all as a personal one. We grieve with you.

Believe me, dear madam, to be,

Yours most sincerely,

DITA H. KINNEY,

In charge Army Nurse Corps.

War Department,
Surgeon General's Office, Washington.
January 31st, 1901.

HOUSE SURGEONS AND NURSES.

To the Editor of the "Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—I would like to ask your opinion, and also the opinion of other matrons, in the following matters: Should the matron hear of or have reason to believe, that there is an engagement or understanding between the house surgeon and a nurse in the same hospital. Is the matron quite justified in sending for the nurse to her sitting-room and asking her if she be engaged to the house-surgeon? Also, is it the usual thing in hospital for the house surgeon to take the nurse out whenever he likes without the matron's permission or knowledge when the nurse is off duty, and for the chairman of the committee to say, "What does it matter, I can see no harm in it"? Also, has the matron no power to prevent, when the nurse is on night duty, the house surgeon from sitting four or five hours each night talking to the nurse? Is it the usual thing for the house surgeon to have complete control of the nurses when on duty, and the matron only when off duty?

Thanking you in anticipation for an early insertion of this in THE NURSING RECORD,

I am, dear Madam, yours faithfully,

A MATRON IN DIFFICULTIES.

[We are constantly hearing of difficulties arising in country hospitals, where young house surgeons are entrusted by the Committee with undue power in the institution, from their unwise intimacy with members

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