

trembling reader, confronted with Johnnie Bargister's desire to be a sculptor, breathes a sigh of relief at finding that the author actually knows, though Johnnie's family does not, that a course of what Cathcart calls "dronin'" is necessary before the young man can be admitted as a modeller into that master's studio. The book is too long, here and there it drags, but is full of insight, and force, and real culture and mordant wit; there are endless bits one would like to quote. The reviewers will revel in it, the public as likely as not, will take very little notice of it; are there not the works of Hall Caine for such as aspire to read the really advanced novel? But for all this "The Column" is most exceptional, and had we such a literary tribunal as they have in France it would probably be the "crowned" book of this season. G. M. R.

Verses.

Mr. William Watson contributes a sonnet to the *Daily News* under the title "Force and Freedom." Here is an extract:

Oh, ye can hold the rivulets of the plain
A little while from nuptials with the sea,
But the fierce mountain-stream of Liberty
Not edicts and not hosts may long restrain.

Freedom, he concludes, "sweeps invincibly on, co-during with mankind."

EASTER CAROL.

Days grow longer,
Sunbeams stronger,
Easter-tide makes all things new;
Lent is banished,
Sadness vanished,
Christ is risen; rise ye too!

What to Read.

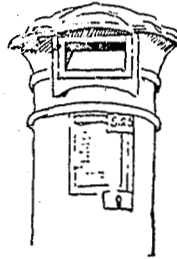
- "Treason and Plot: Struggles for Catholic Supremacy in the last years of Queen Elizabeth." By Martin Hume.
- "Bolingbroke and his Times." By Walter Sichel.
- "The Social Problem: Work and Life." By J. A. Hobson.
- "The Day of the Sun." By Conrad Noel, Curate of St. Mary's, Paddington Green.
- "The Supreme Crime: A Story of Austrian Poland." By Dorothea Gerard.
- "The Love Letters of Prince Bismarck." Edited by Prince Herbert Bismarck.
- "Studies of French Criminals." By H. B. Irving.

Coming Events.

- April 22nd.—Society of Arts: Cantor Lectures, Sir W. C. Roberts-Austen on "Alloys," 8.
- April 23rd.—East London Nursing Society: Annual Meeting, Mansion House, 3.
- April 30th.—The Lord Mayor presides at a meeting in support of the social work of the Salvation Army, Mansion House.
- The Lord Mayor presides at a festival dinner in aid of the East London Hospital for Children, Grocers' Hall.
- May 1st.—Lord Roberts opens a Bazaar in aid of the Bristol Royal Hospital for Sick Children and Women, Colston Hall, Bristol.

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.

THEIR NAME IS LEGION.

To the Editor of the "Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—Might I venture to ask you to let me know the names of several of the best Training Schools for Nurses in the principal towns of the United States; those which it might be helpful for one interested in nursing to visit? As a reader of your paper I thought you might be kind enough to give me this information.

I am, etc.,

SCOTSWOMAN.

[We should advise you to ask the advice of Miss L. L. Dock, Hon. Sec., International Council of Nurses, 265, Henry Street, New York City. She will save your time. The hospitals with important training-schools attached in the United States are legion, but on your tour we should suggest that you visit in New York the old Bellevue Hospital which has a female, and also the Mills (male nurses) Training School in connection with it. There are a dozen first class schools in New York City, and the fine new Maternity Hospital, and Hospital for Private Patients are well worth a visit. Washington, Baltimore (John Hopkins), Philadelphia, Boston, Buffalo, Rochester, and Chicago, have splendid up-to-date institutions, both general and special, and visitors in the United States are always received with a most courteous welcome at public institutions, and given every facility for inspecting everything of interest. Nurse Delegates to the Buffalo Nurses' Congress will have the advantage of being received by deputed ladies in each city, so that their time may be utilised to the full. Miss Lucy Walker, Superintendent of Nurses at the Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, is the Chairman of this Reception Committee, and will, we feel sure, supply you with all information in reference to your suggested tour. —ED.]

THE CRUX OF THE QUESTION.

To the Editor of the "Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM—I have read with very great interest the correspondence in the *Times*, begun by the attack of Mr. Sydney Holland on our Council, and whatever conclusion the public may draw from it, one fact stands out distinctly, that our honorary officers are quite capable of defending the honour of the Council, by politely and forcibly claiming the right of Hospital Matrons to associate themselves together for professional purposes. Mr. Holland's intolerance of professional association for hospital matrons is at least

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