What had he said about such children? She remembered that he had said that to them death would be

the kindest thing.

"A little baby died so easily; it could scarcely feel losing the breath that had come to it so lately. And if she grew up! She might grow into a girl to suffer some day as her mother was suffering. . . . It would be curious to speculate if the generations on her mother's side, who had held the lives of girl babies cheaply, and dealt death to them as to so many kittens, had in some way handed down their point of view to Elizabeth.'

A morbidly psychological study, this; but it holds a force that will not allow you to forget it.

G. M. R.

## Verses.

### LINES FROM MARK ANTHONY'S ORATION.

"O judgment, thou art fled to brutish beasts, And men have lost their reason!"

"If you have tears prepare to shed them now . . . O, now you weep: and, I perceive, you feel The dint of pity: these are gracious drops. Kind souls, what weep you when you but behold Our Cæsar's vesture wounded? Look ye here, Here is himself, marr'd, as you see with traitors.

"His life was gentle; and the elements So mixed in him, that Nature might stand up, And say to all the world, 'This was a man.'" From Julius Casar.

### AUTUMN SONG.

Where blazed a sapphire blooms a turquoise sky, As on the day when Eve lost Paradise The blue grew soft with tears to her sad eyes; And very gently summer means to die-Nay, fade away like vagrant harmonies Heard and forgotten in a lullaby.

The lark is dumb, the errant swallows ply This way and that wherever sunlight lies, And glimmering wings and hum of summer flies Promise them plenty, ere the cuckoo's cry Cease, and its silence warns them to arise, Strike tent and follow summer.

Ab, could I!

NORA CHESSON.

From The Westminster Gazette.

## What to Read.

"To the South Polar Regions." By Louis Bernacchi, F.R.G.S.

"The History of Sir Richard Calmady." By Lucas

"Rickerby's Folly." By Tom Gallon.
"The Temptress." By William Le Queux.
"Master of Men." By E. Phillips Oppenheim.
"Herb of Grace." By Rosa N. Carey.
"The Hearts of Men." By H. Fielding.

# 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

OUR PRIZE PUZZLE. To the Editor of the "Nursing Record." Wilton House, House, Holderness Road, Hull.

Miss A. M. Jubb acknowledges the receipt of £1 is. for the prize for August, with many thanks. September 14th, 1901.

A GENEROUS RECOGNITION.
To the Editor of the "Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM, -In your Annotations in the NURSING RECORD of August 31st, you are good enough to refer kindly to my work in the Home Nursing Classes in the Evening Continuation Schools of the School Board for London.

Your article says, "Dr. Collie seems to appreciate the importance of the subjects chosen to be taught both in First Aid to the Injured and in Home Nursing, and invited members of the Medical Staff of the School Board to confer with him. We could wish he had gone still further, and invited some trained nurses to attend the Conference also, as the members of it included in their deliberations the teaching of Home Nursing.

At a second conference held some weeks ago, I summoned the whole of the Nursing staff to join in our deliberations, and was glad to see that many attended.

We are now advertising for more Nurses, and I

hope that many will apply.

Yours faithfully,

R. J. COLLIE, M.D.

National Superintendent of the Ambulance and

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25, Porchester Terrace, Hyde Park, W. Sept. 9th, 1901.

#### WORKHOUSE NURSING.

To the Editor of the "Nursing Record."

MADAM,-In the letter on the above subject in a recent issue of your paper, Mr. F. R. Humphreys made such a point of the amount of study which he had bestowed upon the question, that one hoped he would have advanced some plan which, if not feasible, had the merit of being new. An "outsider" may see most of the progress of a game, but evidently an amateur does not necessarily possess the qualifications for grappling with a very difficult question.

The plan of combining small unions or parishes into

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