

evidently the result of a good deal of careful study ; but we confess that to us personally, the biography "with trimmings" is not a style that commends itself. The historical novel is one thing ; the novelish history is another.

G. M. R.

**Verse.**

What is so rare as a day in June?  
Then, if ever, come perfect days ;  
Then Heaven tries the earth if it be in tune,  
And over it softly her warm ear lays ;  
Whether we look or whether we listen,  
We hear life murmur, or see it glisten ;  
Every clod feels a stir of might,  
An instinct within it that reaches and towers,  
And groping blindly above it for light,  
Climbs to a soul in grass and flowers.

—From *The Vision of Sir Launfal*.

**What to Read.**

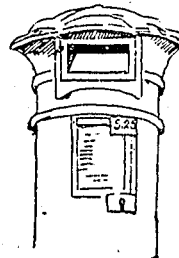
- "Dorothy Vernon of Haddon Hall." With a frontispiece by the Marchioness of Granby, and illustrations by Howard Chandler Christy. By Charles Mayer.
- "The Game of the Candle." By Rhoda Broughton.
- "The Watcher by the Threshold." By John Buchan.
- "The Prince of the Captivity." By Sidney C. Grier.
- "In the Valley of Decision." By Edith Wharton.
- "A Thames Camp." By Mabel Barnes-Grundy.

**Coming Events.**

- June 20th.—Meeting of the Sub-Committee of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, 20, Upper Wimpole Street, W., 4 p.m.
- June 21st.—Annual General Meeting of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, Great Hall, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, 3 p.m. On the conclusion of business the meeting will resolve itself into a social gathering.
- Coronation Celebration "At Home" at the West Ham and East London Hospital, West Ham Lane, Stratford.
- Lady Katherine Somerset presides at Midsummer Festival, Hospital and Home for Incurable Children, 2, Maida-vale, 3.30.
- June 26th.—Coronation of their Majesties King Edward VII. and Queen Alexandra at Westminster Abbey, Public Holiday.
- June 27th.—Royal Progress of their Majesties through London.
- July 2nd.—Coronation Ball at Crystal Palace in aid of King Edward's Hospital Fund, by permission of his Majesty the King.

**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 VOTE COVERS ALL.**

*To the Editor of the "Nursing Record."*

DEAR MADAM,—I read with profound pleasure in the NURSING RECORD last week that women throughout the Australian Continent have won their emancipation, and have now the right of the franchise for the Federal Parliament. I confess to surprise that though I read my daily paper—several daily papers—carefully I have seen no record of this momentous event in any one of them. One would have supposed that a prominent paragraph, if not a leading article, would have found place in all our great dailies. However, the main thing is that Australian women have got the franchise, and, I have no doubt, will use it wisely.

The action of the Federal Parliament of Australia forms a striking contrast to that of the legislature of British Columbia, which has not only refused to grant women the suffrage, but has accentuated this indignity by adopting a clause fixing the age at which the franchise is open to males at 18, and this notwithstanding the fact that there was no public feeling in favour of the "under-manhood" clause.

Do nurses as a class realize the enormous difference the franchise would make to them in urging forward legislation for their profession? For my own part every day I feel more and more convinced of its paramount necessity. Only by it can we bring *direct* pressure to bear upon our legislators, and any effective indirect pressure is hard indeed to compass. Indeed, I often feel that the best means to accomplish State Registration for Nurses is for all who desire it to throw themselves heart and soul into the movement to obtain women's suffrage. When we get this we shall not be long.

Yours faithfully,  
A NURSE-SUFFRAGIST.

**NURSING ETHICS.**

*To the Editor of the "Nursing Record."*

DEAR MADAM,—In her admirable paper on Nursing Ethics, read before the Matrons' Council, I have noted with pleasure that Miss Mollett brings home to the right persons the responsibility for the undignified, noisy, discourteous, selfish manners of too many of the young women of the present day, namely, to the parents under whose influence they remain for the first quarter of a century of their lives. He was a wise man who said, "Give me a child for the first seven years of his life, and anyone may have him afterwards." It is true that the manners of the average young English woman are those she learnt at home, and we Matrons cannot work miracles, though we may do something in three years' time to instil good manners along with professional knowledge.

Yours faithfully,  
A LONG-SUFFERING MATRON.

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