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The Story of the Hamburg Plague. By J. Emerson Neilly (J. K. Mitchell, Dublin). Sixpence. Under this title the author gives a graphic account of the cholera visitation in Hamburg, where he spent five days as special reporter for the Dublin Evening Herald, when the disease was at its worst. We are glad to note his testimony, as that of a distinguished witness, to the splendid work done at the Eppendorfer Hospital, both on the part of Doctors and Nurses. Mr. Neilly handles roughly the richer part of the community, many of whom, though bound by vows of citizenship to stand by her in the hour of need, fled from the city indifferent to anything but their own safety. Something is said on the subject of disinfectants and figures given concerning the distribution of Messrs. Jeyes' manufactures that would be astonishing were we not well acquainted with their wonderful properties; Jeyes's "Creolin Pearson" must have become a household word in Hamburg.

The Hospital Service Book. By C. P. Baxter, M.A. (Henry Frowde, Amen Corner, E.C.) 2s. In compiling this little work, the Author has selected from the Prayer Book such Offices and Forms of Prayer as are of more general use, considerably curtailed them, and by various alterations and the introduction of special prayers, adapted them for use in the wards of Hospitals and Infirmaries. Added to these are some fifty hymns from Hymns Ancient and Modern, and other familiar sources, and suggestions for passages of scripture to be read in place of the Lessons of the Day. As Chaplain to The Hospital for Women. Soho Square, and other Institutions, the author must have gained much practical experience of which this little book is the outcome. In a second edition, which we hope

it will reach, we should suggest a still further curtailment; for instance, we can hardly think that such a congregation as a Hospital Chaplain is usually called upon to minister to, would be greatly benefited by the recital of the Nicene Creed. We thoroughly commend this Service Book both for its matter and for the style in which it is presented.

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### 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.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

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