

But that is just where the originality comes in; and it would appear from the very delightful picture of wedded bliss that, if you wish to be happy, though married, you can hardly do better than choose a bride like unto the one that haunted the beautiful rooms and corridors of Grimston Hall.

"Unsolved Mysteries" is a delightful book, and we are glad to know that Mrs. Tweedale has nearly finished a novel, to which all readers of her present volume will look forward with much interest.

"THE CHEMIST'S COMPENDIUM." Compiled by C. J. S. Thompson.—This should prove a useful guide for Nurses and others who have gone through a course of dispensing. It gives a synopsis of the Formulæ of the British Pharmacopœia, which is complete and handy for reference. There is also a useful list of Spray Inhalations of the Throat Hospital Pharmacopœia, and the strengths and doses of Hypodermic Injections.

Under the heading of "Modern Remedies" appears such medicines as "antivenene, the blood serum of animals immunized from snake venom," cerebrin and myelin, "brain and spinal cord extracts," which, to anyone unacquainted with the modern developments of science, would appear to be very ancient remedies indeed.

A list of poisons and antidotes is very valuable to all Nurses, many of whom are not acquainted even with the common remedies necessary for first aid to the poisoned. A few blank leaves at the end of the book are intended for the chronicling of preparations, prescriptions, and formulæ of one's own, and this is a distinctly useful feature.

The book is not, of course, interesting reading, being rather in dictionary form; and we think it rather a pity that there was not some introduction, with the theory of dispensing, and a history of the growth and development of the art, especially as applying to Nurses. But with this exception the book is undoubtedly good, and most advantageously might find a place in every Nurse's library.

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WHAT TO READ.

"How Canada is Governed," with numerous Illustrations, by J. G. Bourinot, C.M.G., LL.D., D.C.L., D.L., Clerk of the Canadian House of Commons. (London: Edward Arnold.)

"The Egypt of the Hebrews and Herodotos," by the Rev. A. H. Sayce, Professor of Assyriology at Oxford. (London: Rivington, Percival & Co.)

"Poems," by Joseph O'Connor. (New York and London: G. P. Putnam's.)

"The Journal of a Spy in Paris during the Reign of Terror, January—July, 1794," by Raoul Hesdin. (London: John Murray.)

"The Red Badge of Courage," by Stephen Crane. (Pioneer series, Heinemann.)

"The Demagogue and Lady Phayre," by William Lock. (Pioneer series, Heinemann.)

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Coming Events.

January 3rd.—Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Royal British Nurses' Association at 17, Old Cavendish-street, W., 5 p.m.

Christmas Entertainment at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, in the Banqueting Hall, 7 p.m.

January 6th.—Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Matrons' Council, Matron's House, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, at 4 p.m.

January 7th.—Musical Entertainment at The Club, 180, Oxford-street, 7.30 p.m. Tickets can be obtained at Ings House Nurses' Co-operation, 81, New Bond Street.

Meeting of the Committee of the Registered Nurses' Society at 20, Upper Wimpole Street, W., 5 p.m.

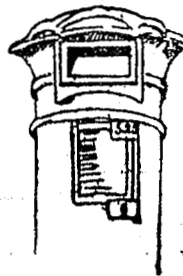
Musical Entertainment for the Patients and Staff at the Hospital for Women, Soho Square, 7 p.m.

January 9th.—The First of a Course of Six Lectures on the "Nursing of Nervous Diseases," by W. S. Colman, Esq., M.D. Lecture I.: "Affections of the Peripheral Nerves and Spinal Cord," 3 p.m., at the offices of the Royal British Nurses' Association, 17, Old Cavendish Street, W.

January 10th.—General Council Meeting of the Royal British Nurses' Association at 17, Old Cavendish Street, W., 5 p.m.

January 11th.—Christmas Entertainment at the Chelsea Hospital for Women.

We hear that Miss E. J. R. Landale, of Edinburgh, is going to give a Lecture in London to Sisters and Staff Nurses early in February.



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.

SISTERS' SITTING-ROOMS.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—I have read, with much pleasure, the many letters that have appeared in your columns in response to my request for the opinion of my colleagues and the Sisters, in a matter which certainly materially affects the position and comfort of the latter, and that is really of far more importance to the general management of a Hospital than may appear at first sight. It has also pleased me to find that by far the greater number of those who have written agree with my own views on the subject, and are in favour of a small sitting-room being attached to the ward, to ensure to the Sister a certain amount of necessary privacy.

Some of the arguments quoted against the use of a Sister's sitting-room may well be dismissed in a very few lines, they deal with the abuse of such a room by an individual, and contain no valid argument against the institution. Such remarks as those that they might become gossiping centres for the resident medical staff are puerile in the extreme; the post of Sister should be held by a woman with self-respect; if she cannot properly maintain her personal dignity and that of her position, she is distinctly unfitted for it—and the Matron should take immediate steps to replace her with one who can do both.

Two arguments that are used by those who disapprove of Sisters' sitting-rooms are worthy of attention—firstly, it is urged, that when on duty a Sister should always be in the

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