

### Review.

THE June *Humanitarian* contains an article entitled "The Dignity of Love," by Dr. Arabella Kenealy, in which she takes up the position that much of the physical degeneration of our day springs from "our false conceptions of the functions of birth and reproduction, the starting-point of all development." "So long," she says, "as the love of man and woman is regarded as being in the least degree a concession to the lower self, so long will evolution be retarded. Parental crudity and grotesque conception of the mystery of birth can but deform and dwarf the offspring."

"From their earliest years," she points out, "girls find the subject of sex tabooed as belonging to the indecorous; as a topic which, if broached at all, is broached in whispers and summarily dismissed for one on which it is not 'nice' to dwell; the false modesty engendered by ignorance making the mother ashamed in the eyes of her girls of the human mystery which gave them birth. Yet in all the fine mechanism of the human body there is no part nor function unworthy. In the great-souled eyes of our Great Mother no thing that she has made is small, no thing that she has made but is good. Only crude ignorance and puerility find grotesqueness in the law subtending life and the eternal wonder of evolution."

Children, she thinks, should learn, so soon as they are old enough, anatomy and physiology, so that they shall know not to be ashamed of their bodies, but to be ashamed of that only which is dishonouring in them—the falling short of dear health and fine perfection. "Let them learn at a suitable age, from wise and reverent teachers, the physiology of reproduction, that they may see in it a mystery, tender, beautiful, and innocent as the budding of a flower, yet in so far beyond and above the budding of the flower, as the human blossom is more highly organised and noble." The veritable new woman we are promised will presently emerge from the disorder of our day "a fine, free creature, equal to, yet unlike her fellow, with a mind pure in its enlightened breadth, with emotions full and tender, with a frame whose sensitiveness is tempered and not toughened by liberty and use."

In that day her healthful mind and body shall know love for that which Nature intended, the highest issue to which life lifts, for out of it human souls leap toward perfection, on its right understanding evolution turns.

### Bookland.

#### WHAT TO READ.

- "The Tale of Balen" (Mr. Swinburne's new poem).
- "The Life and Times of Madame du Barry," by Robert B. Douglas. (London: Leonard Smithers.)
- "Napoleon," by T. P. O'Connor, M.P.
- "The Colour of Life," by Alice Meynell. (John Lane.)
- "The Ascent of Woman," by Roy Devereux. (John Lane.)
- "Travel and Talk," by the Rev. H. R. Haweis. Two chatty, entertaining volumes of travel in America, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Ceylon, and the Paradises of the Pacific.

### Coming Events.

June 12th.—Last two days of Nursing Exhibition at St. Martin's Town Hall. Open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

June 13th.—Nursing Exhibition closes 10 p.m.

June 14th.—Hospital Sunday.

June 18th.—Conversazione of British Medical Association (Metropolitan Counties' Branch), Natural History Museum, 8.30.

June 20th.—A Bazaar in aid of Miss Cole's Training Home at Richmond, opened by H.R.H. Duchess of Teck at 3 p.m.

June 23rd.—Grand Rose Fête, Rose Show, and Bazaar, Queen's Hall, Langham Place, and two following days, in aid of North-Eastern Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, Shoreditch, at 3 p.m. The Duke of Newcastle will exhibit the Röntgen Ray photography.

June 24th.—Annual Festival of the Grand Priory of the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem. Services, Luncheon, and a General Assembly meeting.

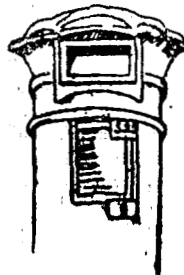
June 24th and 25th.—An *al fresco* fancy costume Bazaar in aid of Guy's Hospital, at the Wheel Club, Bolton Gardens, South Kensington. Palmistry and Wheel of Fortune by Miss Annesley Kenealy.

### Notice.

THE Lady Superintendent of the Evelina Hospital for Sick Children, Southwark Bridge Road, will be very glad to receive books and magazines suitable for the Nurses' Library.

### 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.*

#### NURSES FOR THE POOR.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

MADAM,—We are anxious, through your columns, to make your readers acquainted with the astonishing work that has been done quietly and without ostentation by Sister Katherine (Miss Twining), in the direction of providing trained Nurses for the Sick Poor; and to urge that it would be almost a National disgrace and loss if that work, brought, as it has been, to a perfection which few would have believed possible, by the energy and perseverance of one woman, were now allowed to be ended for the want of a comparatively small sum of money.

Struck, as Her Majesty the Queen, in her kindly sympathy for her poorer subjects has also been, and

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