

ever make her a striking figure in the history of that terrible period. It is to be wished that Miss Betham Edwards had told us more about the *real* Charlotte, as she might so well and forcibly have conceived her, and less about the dream Charlotte's mental influence upon the somewhat uninteresting bourgeoisie maiden who was school companion and friend, and upon that maiden's relations and neighbours.

A. M. G.

Bookland.

THE following two stanzas from the "Lay of the Matabeleland Mounted Police"—the M.M.P.—recently printed in the *Matabeleland Times*, somehow reflect the "spirit of Nursing"—in its single-minded sense of duty:—

"You need no Mathematics, Euclid, Science, Hydrostatics,
No Latin, Hebrew, German, French, or Greek,
There are no exams. whatever, and you need not be too clever,

For you are very seldom called upon to speak.
But you must keep a steady trigger on the depre-
dating nigger,
And perhaps some day a Boer may cross the V ;
He will be behind a boulder, but your carbine's at
your shoulder,
And they want you in the M.M.P.

But your courage must be ready, and your hand be
cool and steady,
And sometimes you'll have to sleep upon your
mount ;

You will just do what you are told to, and your life
you needn't hold to,
For, whatever happens, that will never count ;
And the lone veldt will receive you, and perhaps your
dog will grieve you,

And the news will travel somehow o'er the sea,
And the grass will wave above you, and one perhaps
still love you,

When you've vanished from the M.M.P."

WHAT TO READ.

- "Songs of Travel," by Robert Louis Stevenson.
- "In New South Africa ; Travels in the Transvaal and Rhodesia," by H. Lincoln Tangye.
- "Burma and the Burmese," by Mrs. Ernest Hart.
- "A Secret Service," by William Le Queux.
- "Sir George Tressady," by Mrs. Humphry Ward.
- "A Fool of Nature," by Julian Hawthorne. Author of "Sebastian Strome," &c.
- "The Next Crusade," by Robert Cromie.
- "Dartmoor Idylls," by S. Baring-Gould.
- "The Heart of Princess Osra," by Anthony Hope.
- "False Coin or True," by F. F. Montrésor.
- "Jo of Auchendorass," by E. Crawford.

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Coming Events.

September 28th.—Introductory Lecture, "The Education, Status and Emoluments of Sanitary Inspectors," by A. Wynter Blyth, M.R.C.S., F.I.C., F.C.S., Barrister-at-Law, Med. Off. of Health, St. Marylebone. The Sanitary Institute Margaret Street, W., 8 p.m. Admission Free.

October 1st.—Opening of Medical Schools (Middlesex Hospital, Guy's Hospital, St. George's Hospital, University College Hospital, St. Mary's Hospital, Westminster Hospital, Royal Free Hospital, &c.)

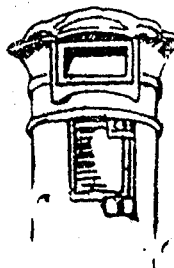
Lecture at the Sanitary Institute, Margaret Street, London, W. "Sanitary Law. English, Scotch, and Irish ; General Enactments Public Health Act, 1875 ; Model Bye-Laws, &c." At 8 p.m., by Herbert Manley, M.A., Cantab., M.B., D.P.H., Med. Off. of Health, West Bromwich.

October 3rd.—"Inspection and Demonstration at the Sewage and Destructor Works, Ealing," at 2.15 p.m. Conducted by Charles Jones, M.Inst.C.E., Engineer and Surveyor, Ealing Urban District Council.

October 20th.—The Dairy Show commences at the Agricultural Hall, (continues until October 23rd).

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.

PROGRESS.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

MADAM,—I wonder whether it has ever struck you that the cause of the failure of the "three year system" has been that you have not been sufficiently supported by the Nurses themselves, and that if you look deep into the root of the matter the reason lies in the very inconsistency of the scheme, viz., that the fact of a girl having "held on" for three years at a Hospital creates her into that wonderful creature—a "fully trained Nurse"?

She may be a woman of education and culture, and one who has seen life and the world, and she may have trained in one of the largest London Hospitals ; or she may be a village girl of 18 to 20, who has trained in a small provincial Hospital. The Royal British Nurses' Association makes no distinction ! But—the Public does, and so do *Doctors*. Doctors who are members of the Royal British Nurses' Association have employed Nurses who have not had three years' training, and frequently sent back registered Nurses as "unsatisfactory." The consequence has been, that we have found out that we can hold our own with registered Nurses, and that we can afford in many instances—vulgarly speaking—to snap our fingers at the whole concern.

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