

'There would be no use their doing that, for the Emperor is going over himself,' said he; and in the simple answer I understood for the first time the absolute trust and confidence which these soldiers had in their leader."

The tale throws a somewhat new light upon the relations between Napoleon and Josephine. If she really was as jealous, and as *mal-à propos* as she appears here, one can hardly wonder at the divorce.

G. M. R.

Bookland.

It is over. What is over?
Nay, now much is over truly!—
Harvest days we toiled to sow for;
Now the sheaves are gathered newly,
Now the wheat is garnered duly.

It is finished. What is finished?
Much is finished known or unknown:
Lives are finished; time diminished;
Was the fallow field left unsown?
Will these buds be always unblown?

It suffices. What suffices?
All suffices reckoned rightly:
Spring shall bloom where now the ice is,
Roses make the bramble sightly,
And the quickening sun shine brightly
And the latter wind blow lightly,
And my garden teem with spices.

CHRISTINA ROSETTI.

WHAT TO READ.

- "A Survey of Greek Civilization," by Professor J. P. Mahaffy, D.D., D.C.L.
- "Peter the Great," by K. Waliszewski.
- "First Crossing of Spitzbergen," by Sir W. M. Conway.
- "Where the Heather Grows. A Series of Tales," by George A. Mackay.
- "Uncle Bernac," by A. Conan Doyle.
- "The Last Entry," by W. Clark Russell.
- "The Third Violet," by Stephen Crane.

Coming Events.

May 22nd.—Meeting of the National Health Society at Grosvenor House, when Lady George Hamilton presents diplomas, 3 p.m.

May 24th.—The Duke of Cambridge opens the Victorian Era Exhibition, at Earl's Court.

Annual Festival of the Provident Surgical Appliance Society, at the Hôtel Métropole, 7 p.m.

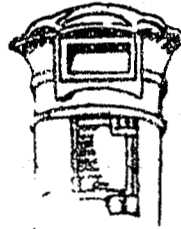
May 25th.—Concert at Stafford House, in aid of the funds of The Hospital for Women, Soho Square.

May 26th.—The Prince of Wales opens the new Medical School buildings at Guy's Hospital.

The Duke of Fife presides at the Annual General Court of Governors of the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, 4.30 p.m.

Mr. Courtney presides at a Meeting in support of the Women's Suffrage Bill, at the Queen's Hall, 8 p.m.

May 28th.—The Prince of Wales lays the foundation-stone of the new buildings of the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital, City Road.



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.

A REGISTER OF TRAINED MASSEURS AND MASSEUSES.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

MADAM,—As you are aware, various articles have appeared from time to time, both in the Medical and Lay Press, pointing out and deprecating the fact that numbers of so-called Massage establishments have recently sprung into existence, which are calculated to bring one of our most important remedial agents into gross disrepute. It is needless to enumerate or particularize the evils which result from these establishments, conducted as they are under the cloak of the term "Massage," they are but too apparent. Moreover, it is undoubtedly a fact that these establishments are increasing in number and, being widely advertised, tend to cause treatment by Massage and Electrotherapeutics to be viewed by the public with increasing suspicion, prejudice, and disfavour. This is obviously a very serious matter, and intimately affects both the interests of the medical profession and the welfare of their patients. It is, therefore, imperative that immediate steps should be taken to check this growing evil by uniting to form an organisation sufficiently powerful to place the whole system under proper control and supervision. With this object, a committee of leading medical men is being formed to establish a School of Massage and Register of Trained Masseurs and Masseuses that will be officially recognised and supported by the medical profession, and consequently by the public. This scheme has the full accord and approval of the leading medical journals. I have given this matter careful and thorough investigation, and have collected a great deal of material information on the subject. It only now remains to form the committee and discuss the best method of further procedure, and bring the matter, if necessary or advisable, before Parliament. I shall be glad if you will give the subject your consideration.

I am,

Faithfully yours,

W. ARUNDEL CREEDON,
Hon. Secretary.

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