

author. I cannot help thinking that the position of Mr. and Mrs. Fenwick in China, after the flight of the lovers, would have been a little risky. Wansi, the child husband of Maia, is very convincing, and the girl's behaviour when confronted by him, is as imprudent and natural as possible. We hope the author is going to do some more; tales with a genuine Oriental setting are refreshing, after the almost overdone modernity of our times.

G. M. R.

The Coming Years.

Hark! in the hush of the night,
Low in the lull of the wind,
Rolls from the region behind
The veil, the limit of sight,
The tread of the coming Years
Marching in solemn might
From darkness into the light
Laden with laughter and tears
Laden with pleasure and pain
Laden with hopes and fears
On, like a funeral train
With muffled and measured tread,
They come and carry their dead—
The hopes their coming has slain,
A spectre pageant, veiled, voiceless, vast,
To silent tombs in the ghost-filled fane
Of the Past.

W. E. B.

WHAT TO READ.

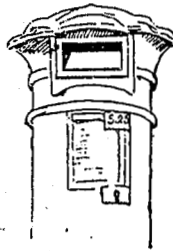
- "A Study of Mary Wollstonecraft, and the Rights of Woman." By Emma Rauschenbusch-Clough, Ph.D.
- "With Kitchener to Khartoum." By G. W. Stevens.
- "Reflections of a Russian Statesman." By K. P. Pobedonostseff.
- "Marie Antoinette." By Clara Tschudi. Translated from the Norwegian by E. M. Cope.
- "From Seven Dials." By Edith Ostlere.
- "A Small, Small Child." By E. Livingston Prescott.
- "Children of the Mist." By Eden Phillpotts.
- "Tony Drum, a Cockney Boy." By Edwin Pugh.
- "In the Potter's Land." By Westoth Ide.

Coming Events.

- October 9th to 14th.—Autumn Meetings of the Women's Total Abstinence Union, Nottingham. President, Mrs. Hazzledine.
- October 11th.—Executive Committee Registered Nurses Society, 20, Upper Wimpole Street, 5 p.m.
- October 13th.—Meeting of the Matrons' Council. Matron's House, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, 4 p.m.
- October 15th.—Hospital Saturday. No street collection.
- October 18th.—First Lecture on Business Matters to Nurses, by Miss R. Somerville, Midwives' Institute, 12, Buckingham Street, Strand, 5.30 p.m.
- October 21st.—First Lecture on Medical Relief. "Growth of Medical Charities." By Mr. C. S. Loch, Secretary, London Charity Organization Society, at the Portman Rooms, Baker Street, W., 4.30 p.m.
- October 25th—29th.—The Annual Conference National Union of Women Workers, Princes Street Rooms, Norwich. Mrs. Alfred Booth, President.
- October 27th.—The Annual Meeting of the National Council of Women of Great Britain and Ireland, Princes Street Rooms, Norwich. At 10.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. Mrs. Alfred Booth, President.

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.

"FLASHED ALL THEIR SABRES BARE."

To the Editor of the "Nursing Record."

MADAM,—The *Morning Post* of Thursday, the 29th inst., contains a graphic account of "The Battle of Omdurman," written by a combatant, in which the following expressions are used, which again corroborate, in a very extraordinary manner, the "mental visions" of the "Scotchwoman's" friend who thus witnessed the battle of Omdurman. This eye-witness writes:—They looked (the Dervishes) from where I stood, dark blurs and streaks, relieved and diversified with odd-looking gleams of light from the spear points. The "silver flashes of metal" of the visionist. And again the eye-witness says:—

"The noise of the shouting was heard, albeit faintly, by the troops down by the river, but to us watching on the hill a tremendous roar came up in waves of intense sound, like the tumult of the rising wind and sea before a storm."

The "black roar of sound"—of the visionist.

But why should this evidence of mind over matter surprise us? The recent progress in spectral analysis makes all things possible. In a note on "The Future of Telepathy" we find the following remarks in this month's *Humanitarian*:—"Even more interesting to the scientific student were Sir William Crookes' remarks (at the British Association meeting at Bristol) on the recent progress in spectral analysis. We are yet only on the threshold of telepathy; the fundamental law that thoughts and images may be transferred from one mind to another without the agency of the recognised organs of sense—that knowledge may enter the human mind without being communicated in any hitherto known or recognised ways. But important facts have already been elicited, and though the path of investigators is beset with difficulties, yet they may be overcome even in experimental psychology. Some rare minds have pierced farther than others, and even now have shattered down the walls of sense. It is for science to demonstrate again that mind is superior to matter, and to reveal a profounder scheme of cosmic law than any we know yet."

Yours truly,

STUDENT.

"NEAT, NOT GAUDY."

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—Trained nurses have themselves to blame for the adoption of their uniform by the unprofessional women. The truth is that many nurses assume a dress which attracts much attention in the street, instead of wearing a cloak and bonnet of a very

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