

earnest young person, who thought that literature meant contemporary fiction, whereas we all know that the two are in no way connected."

"Permanganate of potash under another name will not only smell as sweet, but will perform greater sanitary wonders, because the world places faith in a new name, and faith is still the greatest healer of human ills."

G. M. R.

WHAT TO READ.

- "A Dictionary of Employments Open to Women, with Details of Wages, Hours of Work, and other Information." By Mrs. Philipps, assisted by Miss Marian Edwardes, Miss Janet Tuckey, and Miss E. Dixon.
- "In the Forbidden Land." An Account of a Journey in Tibet, Capture by the Tibetan Authorities, Imprisonment, Torture, and Ultimate Release. By A. Henry Savage Landor.
- "The Campaign in Tirah, 1897-98. An account of the Expedition against the Orakzais and Afridis under General Sir William Lockhart, G.C.B., K.C.S.I. By Colonel H. D. Hutchinson.
- "The Day's Work." By Rudyard Kipling.
- "Roden's Corner." By Henry Seton Merriman.
- "The Modern Man and Maid." By Sarah Grand.
- "Vagaries." By Axle Munthe.
- "Hawah and a Revolution." By Mary H. Krout.
- "From Seven Dials." (Realist sketches in the "Seven Dials Dialect.") By Edith Ostlere.

Coming Events.

October 15th.—Hospital Saturday. No street collection.

October 17th.—Sanitary Institute Lecture, by Sir Douglas Galton, K.C.B., D.C.L., L.L.D., F.R.S., as an introduction to the Twenty-Sixth Course of Lectures and Practical Demonstrations in Sanitary Science for Sanitary Officers and Students. Parkes Museum 8 p.m.

October 18th.—First Lecture on Business Matters to Nurses, by Miss R. Somerville, Midwives' Institute 12, Buckingham Street, Strand, 5.30 p.m.

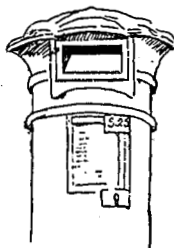
October 21st.—First Lecture on Medical Relief. "Growth of Medical Charities." By Mr. C. S. Loch, Secretary, London Charity Organization Society, at the Portman Rooms, Baker Street, W., 4.30 p.m.

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.

THE INTERNATIONAL NURSING CONFERENCE.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—In your last issue I notice that you say you rely upon the readers of the NURSING RECORD, to make the International Nursing Conference next year a great success. I am sure that many of your readers would be glad to do so if they knew how to set about it. Perhaps you will kindly tell us in a future issue in what ways help can best be given. Personally, I look forward to the Conference with the greatest possible delight, and hope that we shall have the pleasure of seeing and hearing some of the representative nurses of other nations, whom we already seem to know, and whom we certainly admire and respect from the reports of their work, and the papers from their pens, which appear from time to time in the columns of the NURSING RECORD. It seems to me that the Conference should be intensely interesting, as well as beneficial to an exceeding degree to the Nursing Profession, and the advancement of its interests.

I am, dear Madam, Yours faithfully,
REGULAR READER.

THE MAYFLOWER.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—All who have studied the question of the nursing arrangements for the sick and wounded in the Soudan must have been very interested in the account, which you published last week, of the excellent work done by the s.s. *Mayflower*, the steamer of the British Red Cross Society. Two points, however, occur to one after reading of the boon which this steamer proved to our sick soldiers: (1) Why were not hospital steamers included in the medical arrangements made under the authority of the British Governments? and (2) the need of additional steamers. The *Mayflower* has been fulfilling her mission nobly, going backwards and forwards from Cairo to Assouan until all the sick and wounded were removed. I notice that on her first voyage of mercy she left Assouan for Cairo on the 15th of September, and her last within the last few days. One can imagine the anxiety of the sick and wounded at Assouan, on the occasion of each of her visits, to know which of them would be selected for conveyance to Cairo, and which left behind, and the despair with which her departure would be viewed by those who were obliged to wait for another occasion. Surely the perfection of the medical arrangements cannot be vaunted, while no steps were taken to secure the removal of the sick and wounded to Cairo by boat.

Yours truly,
A FRIEND OF TOMMY ATKINS.

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