

whimsical maiden, is one of the very best things in all contemporary fiction. I frankly admit that I read it twice through, slowly, to enjoy the flavour; and I feel that I may very safely recommend it to the readers of the THE NURSING RECORD, mere women though they have the misfortune (?) to be. G. M. R.

A Christmas Carmen.

Sound over all waters, reach out from all lands
The chorus of voices, the clasping of hands;
Sing hymns that were sung by the stars of the morn,
Sing songs of the angels when Jesus was born!
With glad jubilations
Bring hope to the nations!
The dark night is ending and dawn has begun:
Rise, hope of the ages, arise like the sun,
All speech glow to music, all hearts beat as one!
Blow, bugles of battle, the marches of peace;
East, west, north and south let the long quarrel cease:
Sing the song of great joy that the angels began,
Sing of glory to God and of good-will to man!
Hark! joining in chorus
The heavens bend o'er us!
The dark night is ending and dawn has begun;
Rise, hope of the ages, arise like the sun,
All speech glow to music, all hearts beat as one!

J. GREENLEAF WHITTIER.

WHAT TO READ.

- "Idols." By W. J. Locke.
"Wessex Poems, and other Verses." By Thomas Hardy.
"A Fleet in Being." By Rudyard Kipling.
"Personal Impressions of Work for Darkest England." With an Introductory Review by General Booth; and Statements of Account, 1898.
"The Life of Charles Alan Smythies, Bishop of the Universities' Mission to Central Africa." By G. W. Edited by Edward Francis Russell, M.A., St. Alban's, Holborn.
"In the Shadow of the Hills." By Alison McLean.
"A Touch of the Sun." By Mrs. Aylmer Gowing.
"Moonlight." A Novel. By Mary E. Mann.
"Dream Days." By Kenneth Grahame.
"The Rue Bargain." By Murray Gilchrist.

Coming Events.

December 25th.—Christmas Day.

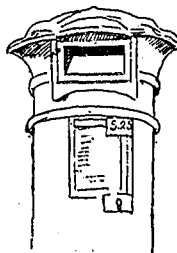
December 26th.—Bank Holiday.

January 9th.—Subscription ball in aid of the Oxygen Home, 2, Fitzroy Square (Patron, Princess Louise Marchioness of Lorne), at the Empress Rooms, Royal Palace Hotel, Kensington, at 9.30. Blue Viennese Band. Tickets £1 1s. (supper included), may be obtained from Mrs. Robert Borwick, Hon. Treasurer, 16, Berkeley Square; or Mrs. Elphinstone Maitland, Hon. Secretary, 9, Victoria Grove, Kensington.

January 20th.—The Duchess of Albany opens a new Nurses' Home in connection with the Chelsea Hospital for Women.

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.

WOMEN AS MANAGERS.

DEAR MADAM,—I should like to say how cordially I agree with the opinions expressed regarding women acting on Boards of Management. I have for many years urged that it is an extraordinary anomaly (may I add, prejudice?) that they should have no voice in those matters which concern most intimately the welfare of the sick and afflicted, many, perhaps the majority of whom, are of their own sex. I should have thought that there could be no difference of opinion on this matter, especially when we consider the large number of women nurses who have to be considered, and who are now only represented by the Matron. Perhaps the anomaly is even more striking in the case of penitentiaries and asylums for women, where men are, as a rule, still found to act as managers. I earnestly hope that public opinion will ere long prevail to bring about this much desired change.

LOUISA TWINING.

Rochester,

December 15th.

NURSES' MANNERS.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—It occurs to me in relation to the letter of X.Z., last week that the following information may be of interest to you. An acquaintance of my own had occasion to employ a nurse, on night duty, for a case of acute illness in a member of her family, who shortly afterwards died. The nurse had her full time for rest in the day. After a time, so much dissatisfaction was felt at the condition of the patient in the morning, that one night a member of the family sat up also, the result being the discovery (1) That the patient's stimulants and beef essence were consumed by the nurse. (2) That the nurse settled herself down on a sofa for a comfortable sleep. (3) That a record of the stimulant and nourishment which the patient should have had was presented the next morning, wherein it appeared that these had been regularly administered during the time that the nurse was asleep.

The nurse's services were dispensed with, and the above reasons given in writing to the superintendent of the institution by which she was supplied. The answer received was that the nurse sent was a very good one, and that the lady had laid herself open to an action for libel in making such statements about her.

Another case has also been brought to my knowledge, in which a gentleman took the trouble to call personally at a private nursing institution to express his dissatisfaction with the conduct of a nurse, with the result

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