

intelligent people, of the better class of society, who were interested in the subject. Of what these people saw and heard, a daily record was kept. That record is now produced. There is no embroidery, no desire to produce an effect; some may think that the narrative is almost too cut and dried. Through a chivalrous regard for the feelings of the family involved, much is omitted—on the subject of the identity of the apparitions—which would greatly have enhanced the interest of the book from a narrative point of view. It remains a perfectly unique document—the only absolutely authentic record of a haunting; and it leaves upon the mind a weight of conviction respecting the existence of things undreamed of, in our philosophy.

The special feature which is so entirely unaccountable consists in the extremely loud noises heard by almost every visitor, and at frequent intervals during the three months' tenancy. Noises like the firing of a gun, like the loud blows of wood upon iron, noises described by the different hearers as "a reverberating clang," "the detonating noise," &c. A possible explanation of these has been offered—namely, that they are seismic in origin, as the house in question stands upon "one of the most unstable portions of the British Isles." But, as the owners positively refused to allow any scientific tests to be applied, the truth cannot be verified. A strong argument against it is, that the noises, though said to be so extraordinarily loud, were heard only by one or two people at a time, whereas it might have been expected that the whole household would be aroused; so that it seems more than likely that they were subjective in character. I could go on for a long time speaking of the very curious and interesting character of this remarkable book; but space is valuable, and you must read it all for yourselves.

G. M. R.

WHAT TO READ.

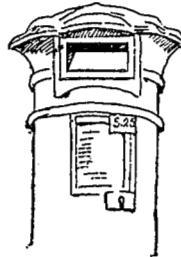
- "The Jewel of the Lotus, and Other Verses." By John E. Ellam.
- "The City of the Soul." By a new Poet.
- "The Roman Empresses: or, The History of the Lives and Secret Intrigues of the Wives of the Twelve Cæsars. With Historical and Critical Notes." In 2 vols.
- "Our Treatment of the Poor." By W. Chance, M.A.
- "Jephthah, and other Mysteries, Lyrical and Dramatic." By Allister Crowley.
- "Essays in Psychical Research." By Miss X (A. Goodrich-Freer).
- "The Dominion of Dreams." By Miss Fiona MacLeod.
- "Ione March." By S. R. Crockett.
- "Like Another Helen." By Sydney C. Grier.

Coming Events.

- July 21st.—The Princess of Wales receives nurses of the National Pension Fund at Marlborough House, 12.30 p.m.
- July 25th.—Annual Meeting of the Colonial Nursing Association at Stafford House, at 3.30 p.m.
- July 27th.—Princess Christian distributes Medals and Certificates to members of the Isle of Wight Centre of the St. John Ambulance Association at Ryde.
- July 28th.—Her Majesty opens the Diamond Jubilee Wing of the Royal Isle of Wight Infirmary and County Hospital.

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 SCHOOL FOR SUPERINTENDENTS.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—I am delighted to see that a special course of training is being organized for American nurses desirous of obtaining posts as Superintendents, because this means that sooner or later we shall have to follow their example, and there is, I suppose, no nurse who has wished for promotion who has not been painfully conscious of something lacking in her education. Even if she be one of the limited number who have been fortunate enough to be appointed a Ward Sister, her experience in this capacity, though most valuable, does not afford her the opportunity of obtaining the special knowledge which she will need as Superintendent, and which, if she obtains a Matron's post, she has consequently to gain at the expense of the institution to which she is appointed. Our American colleagues have, evidently, wisely recognised this, and as, with them, apparently, to see is to act, they have shown us the way to reform the present unsatisfactory conditions. I hope it may not be long before, in our own country, opportunity is afforded us of qualifying ourselves to hold superior posts. I am sure many of us would willingly go through a post-graduate course if only it were attainable.

I am, dear Madam, yours faithfully,
CERTIFICATED NURSE.

WOMEN AND PUBLIC WORK.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—I should like to say how interested I have been in the articles which have appeared in the NURSING RECORD on the subject of "Women and Public Work." One has seen the effects described again and again. Women who are capable, effective, and who delight in work, absolutely broken down, not by the strain of the work which they have accomplished, but by the treatment they receive from those whom they might reasonably expect to assist them, from those who smile in their faces and stab in the back, from those to whom they have gone out of their way to show kindness, and who take the first opportunity of flinging their kindness back in their face. It is these things which break down the women who will cheerfully work 18 hours out of the 24 without "turning a hair." Why is it that public and political work seem to bring out the very worst in both men and women, so that the victory is often to the unscrupulous and the wirepullers, because decent people will not condescend to fight with the weapons which they employ. We need the high-minded and honorable in public work badly enough, but it seems to me if we go on as we are going public life will be no place for them.

Yours faithfully, AN HONEST WOMAN.

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