

sordid detail of life in the little community is glossed over; but throughout the Independants of Market Pately are handled in a kindly spirit. There is no spite, but a great deal of human nature; and the Rev. Josiah is wholly admirable.

G. M. R.

Poem.

Why urge the long, unequal fight,
 Since Truth has fallen in the street,
 Or lift anew the trampled light,
 Quenched by the heedless million's feet?

Give o'er the thankless task; forsake
 The fools who know not ill from good:
 Eat, drink, enjoy thy own, and take
 Thine ease among the multitude.

So spake the Tempter, when the light
 Of sun and stars had left the sky,
 I listened through the cloud and night
 And heard, methought, a voice reply:

What is it that the crowd requite
 Thy love with hate, thy truth with lies?
 And, but to faith, and not to sight,
 The walls of Freedom's temple rise?

Yet do thy work; it shall succeed
 In thine or in another's day;
 And if denied the victor's meed,
 Thou shalt not lack the toiler's pay.

Faith shares the future's promise; Love's
 Self-offering is a triumph won;
 And each good thought or action moves
 The dark world nearer to the sun.

Then faint not, falter not, nor plead
 Thy weakness; truth itself is strong;
 The lion's strength, the eagle's speed,
 Are not alone vouchsafed to wrong.

By JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER.

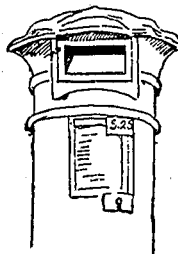
—From *The Voices*.

What to Read.

- "Sir Stamford Raffles. England in the Far East." By H. E. Egerton, M.A.
- "Twice Captured: A Record of Adventure during the Boer War." By the Earl of Rosslyn.
- "The Leaguer of Ladysmith." By Captain Clive Dixon.
- "Wounds in the Rain." By Stephen Crane.
- "Cunning Murrell." By Arthur Morrison.
- "Philip Winwood: A Sketch of the Domestic History of an American Captain in the War of Independence." By Robert Nelson Stephens.
- "Jezebel." By Richard Pryce.
- "A Master of Craft." By W. W. Jacobs.
- "Tramping with Tramps: Studies and Sketches of Vagabond Life." By Josiah Flynt.
- "Neighbours: Being Annals of a Dull Town." By Julia M. Crottie.
- "The Crimson Weed." By Christopher St. John.

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.

AN ECONOMIC QUESTION.

To the Editor of the "Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—I am quite sure that the reason you give for women refraining to take part in obtaining reforms is the right one. They earn small enough salaries as a rule to start with, salaries that a man would regard with contempt, and not hesitate to refuse. They dare not imperil their receipt of these, for they know that if they get a reputation for contentiousness they will simply be ousted, and the path of self-support, setting aside the question of professional promotion, will be closed to them. This indeed is a point which all would-be reformers, women or men, must face. Have we not seen it over and over again? Has not the latest instance of it been in connection with the hospitals question in South Africa. Mr. Burdett Coutts asserts that those in a position to give evidence supporting his statements idare not do so except anonymously. Mr. Balfour's contemptuous. But do we not know it is true? Have we not heard it said in so many words? We know it is true, and until effective protection is given, the nurses at least who will come forward and point out either matters needing reform in the Army or the Poor Law Nursing Services will be few and far between. "If we did," they say, "we should make the place too hot to hold us, and we can't afford to quarrel with our bread and butter." This is well enough known. Here and there there are men and women to be found who are prepared, at all costs, to do what they believe to be their duty. They know bet whether or no the fears of the timorous are true, and whether honesty of purpose affects them professionally prejudicially. I think they will be prepared to say that it does. When we realise this what a boon economic independence appears. Even so the question of professional prestige remains, and no one likes to lose caste in her profession. No wonder, then, that reformers are few and far between.

Yours faithfully,

ONE WHO APPRECIATES THE LINE OF THE
 "NURSING RECORD."

AN IDEAL TRAINING SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—I read with extreme interest the excellent curriculum of training of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, published in your last issue, and look forward to its continuation. One can but admire the thoroughness of our American colleagues. How well they organise! How I should like to go over to the States and see their hospitals, learn something more of their systems of training, and of the organisation of their nursing associations. I wonder if that happy day

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