

"Let a man contend to the uttermost
For his life's set prize, be it what it may."

The ending is most mysterious. Was Ruth dead or only lulled by a narcotic, the effect of which, in the event of the impossible happening, would have passed off? And what was the mysterious shape? The hull of a rescuing ship? I am inclined to think that it was, that Ruth recovered, and that the lovers had a short Indian summer of life; but it would have interfered with Miss Cambridge's moral had she openly permitted this, in the pages of "Path and Goal."

G. M. R.

Bookland.

Amongst the new books promised by the publishers at an early date are "The Hosts of the Lord," by Mrs. F. A. Steel, "Quisante," a novel dealing with modern politics and society by Anthony Hope, and "The Footsteps of a Throne," by Max Pemberton. There will therefore be no lack of literature for the long evenings which are now before us.

Poem.

A SONG OF AUTUMN.

"Where shall we go for our garlands glad
At the falling of the year,
When the burnt up banks are yellow and sad,
When the boughs are yellow and sere?
Where are the old ones that once we had,
And when are the new ones near?
What shall we do for our garlands glad
At the falling of the year?"

"Child! can I tell where the garlands go?
Can I say where the lost leaves veer
On the brown burnt banks, where the wild winds
blow,
When they drift through the dead-wood drear?
Girl! when the garlands of next year glow
You may gather again my dear—
But I go where the last year's lost leaves go
At the falling of the year."

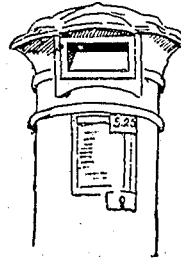
From Poems by ADAM LINDSAY GORDON.

What to Read.

- "The War Office, the Army, and the Empire," a Review of the Military Situation in 1900. By H. O. Arnold Forster, M.P.
- "The Attaché at Peking." By A. B. Freeman-Mitford, C.B.
- "The Witchery of Books." By John F. Crump.
- "The New Order." By Oswald Crawford.
- "Petersburg Tales." By Olive Garnett.
- "A Master of Craft." By W. W. Jacobs.
- "Tongues of Conscience." By Robert Hichens.
- "The Brand of the Broad Arrow." By Major Arthur Griffiths.
- "The Conscience of Coralie." By F. Frankfort Moore.
- "Surgical Experiences in South Africa." By A. A. Bowlby, F.R.C.S. In the *Monthly Review*.

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 NEW NURSING JOURNAL.

To the Editor of the "Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—We enclose a prospectus of *The American Journal of Nursing*, the official organ of the Associated Alumnae of Trained Nurses of the United States, to be published monthly at 2 dols. per year. Foreign postage 50 cents per year additional.

The new journal starts with a large circulation, and will reach the greater number of hospitals and training schools in the United States and Canada.

The subscription list includes the most prominent members of the medical and nursing professions.

It is hoped that the high professional standing of its editors and promoters will insure for the journal a circulation in Great Britain as well as in the United States and Canada.

May we hope for your aid in making known the objects of the journal and your influence in securing subscriptions?

Very respectfully yours,

"THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING."

A HOME FOR INEBRIATES.

To the Editor of the "Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—One of the greatest wants of the Temperance movement at the present moment is a home for those inebriate men who, though not coming under the Act of 1899, are yet habitual inebriates, can voluntarily seclude themselves for the purpose of overcoming their failing and at such rates of payment as are within their reach. The Church of England Temperance Society has long desired to establish such a home, but has been debarred from doing so by the cost and the risk. A lady has kindly offered the Society the use of a house and grounds, at Hancox, near Battle, free of rent for seven years, for the purpose of establishing such a home; the Society has accepted this kind offer, and hopes to open the home at Michaelmas. To render the grounds safe, and to furnish the home, which it is hoped will receive from 30 to 40 patients, and to provide for the early days of the home before it gets into working order, it is estimated that a sum of from £1,000 to £1,200 will be necessary. Would you allow me, through the medium of your columns, to appeal for this small sum, so that there may be no delay in opening the home; about £600 has already been promised, and as soon as possible the work of furnishing will be put in hand. Contributions should be sent to me at 4, the Sanctuary, Westminster,

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