

sympathise with Mr. Jellybond Tinney, but never for a moment dream of loving him, and there is nobody else except poor little Miss Spice, to inspire any feeling but one of aversion. The finest bit in the book is that in which Babs begins to reap the punishment for her reckless pursuit of the other sex, in the avoidance of her company by the women of her acquaintance. We part from her in the first beginnings of her repentance, so we miss the chance that we might have loved her after all.

G. M. R.

Verses.

TO THE VERY END.

I do not ask that I may find you peerless,
You whom I hope some future day to meet,
If you but walk this world upright and fearless,
If you be kind, if you be brave and sweet!
In sorrow tender, and in all things, friend—
Then I will love you to the very end!

I would not wish you in all grace excelling,
If you are gentle, tender-souled, and true,
If in your words and deeds there shall be dwelling
Beauty unseen, I shall see grace in you.
Be strong of heart, whatever fate may send,
Then I will love you to the very end!

I do not ask that fortune shall surround you,
Or that you wear Fame's fair and golden crown,
Be high or low your place when I have found you,
I at your feet will lay my true heart down!
Then hand in hand we two our way will wend,
And I will love you to the very end!

From *The Thrush*.

CLIFTON BINGHAM.

What to Read.

- "These from the Land of Sinim." By Sir Robert Hart, Bart., G.C.M.G.
- "A Year in China, 1899-1900." By Clive Bigham, C.M.G.
- "A Wild Proxy." By Mrs. W. K. Clifford.
- "Mononia: A Love Story of Forty-eight." By Justin McCarthy.
- "The Three Days' Terror." By J. S. Fletcher.
- "From a Swedish Homestead." By Selma Lagerlöf. Translated by Jessie Bröchner.
- "The Gamblers." By William le Queux.
- "The Man in the Iron Mask." By Tighe Hopkins.

Coming Events.

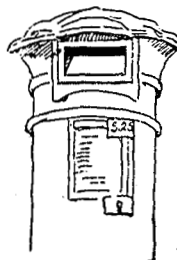
April 19th.—Meeting of the Buffalo Delegate Subcommittee, 3 p.m.

Quarterly Meeting of the Matrons' Council, 4 p.m., at 20, Upper Wimpole Street, W. The President will preside.

April 23rd.—The Annual Meeting, East London Nursing Association, Mansion House, 3 p.m. The Lord Mayor will preside.

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.

JE VOUS REMERCIE.

To the Editor of the "Nursing Record."

DEAR EDITOR,—May I be permitted to convey, through your columns, my warm appreciation of the honour done me by the members of the Registered Nurses' Society in nominating and electing me as their Delegate to the Nurses' Congress at Buffalo. I can conceive no re-union more delightful than that which is to take place by the courteous invitation of the American Matrons and Nurses in the States, and I am deeply gratified that I am one of those selected to be present.

The members of the R.N.S. may rest assured that I will do all in my power to represent our Society to the best of my ability and record my vote for the support of any measure calculated to uphold the dignity of the profession to which we have the honour to belong.

Yours faithfully,

SOPHIA E. CARTWRIGHT

(Secretary,

Registered Nurses' Society).

ARMY NURSING REFORM.

To the Editor of the "Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—I quite agree with you that all trained nurses inspired with a sense of true patriotism, and we are patriotic as a class, will rejoice to know that the War Office has received a deputation from the Matrons' Council, and courteously permitted it to present a memorandum on the reforms it would suggest for the more efficient organisation of our Army Nursing Service. The War Office and the Matrons are to be mutually congratulated. It is quite evident that those in high places who are responsible for the health of "The Soldiers of the King" are awakening to the national importance of considering their health and of providing them with the most efficient medical and nursing treatment when sick. This desirable consummation will more easily be attained by the War Office officials availing themselves of the expert experience of the Matrons and Nursing Sisters. Nothing but good can result from such intercourse.

Yours very truly,

A MEMBER OF THE ARMY NURSING SERVICE RESERVE.

To the Editor of the "Nursing Record."

MADAM,—I was sincerely glad to see in the report of the Matrons' Council's visit to the War Office that Miss Stewart laid emphasis on the Sisters being made responsible for the cleanliness of the wards and the distribution of diets. Those Sisters like myself, who have been on active service, can appreciate the urgent necessity for these reforms. Many sick soldiers were

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